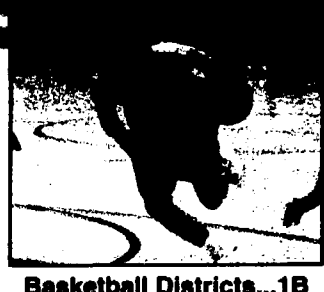




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(Above) Crawford County Library Board President Terry Wright presents the 2nd Place Ribbon and \$50 savings bond to Rodney Ney III. Laura Gorski took 1st Place, but was unable to attend. (Left) Honorable Mentions and \$10 cash was given to Chelsea Currison, Jessi Riddle, Ashley Hawley, Justin DeVille (absent) and Sarah Harland (absent).

For more on the story and the winning essay, see Page 2A

Will Dems choose Gore or Bradley?

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Michigan's Democratic Caucus will be held Saturday, March 11. Local Democrats will gather at the Crawford County Courthouse where the caucus will begin at 11 a.m. to nominate a Democratic candidate for President of the United States.

Vice President Al Gore, as well as former New Jersey Senator and professional basketball star Bill Bradley are seeking the Democratic nomination in the caucus, foregoing the recent state primary.

Registration for the vote will start at 10 a.m. and voters should take note they must be there by 11 a.m. in order to participate. An "Iowa-style caucus" will be held in Crawford County and simultaneously throughout the state.

Anyone may participate in the Democratic Caucus, even registered Republicans and Independents. However, all participants must sign-in at registration and make a public declaration that they are indeed a Democrat before being allowed to take part in break out sessions.

The break out sessions will divide voters into presidential candidate

preference groups. The groups will then cast and count their votes.

According to party rules, "Each Caucus will adjourn no later than two hours after convening." Results are then reported from each site in the state back to the Michigan Democratic Party on the same day.

Based on the results of the Caucus, Michigan Democratic Party members and precinct delegates will elect 84 delegates and 14 alternates on May 6 at 16 Congressional District Conventions.

Then, on May 20, 47 delegates, eight alternates, 18 Convention Committee members and four pages will be elected at a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in Muskegon. All of these people, along with Michigan's 11 federal lawmakers and 15 Democratic National Committee Members will make up the state's delegation to the national convention.

The 2000 Democratic National Convention will take place August 14-17 in Los Angeles, California. There, Democrats will adopt a platform and nominate the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential

candidates.

For more information on the March 11 Democratic Caucus, call the County Clerk at 344-3200.

No suspects yet in GHS window smashing case

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely said on Monday, March 6 his department has no suspects in the February 23 incident of car window smashing in the Grayling High School parking lot.

The car vandalized belonged to Grayling's Junior Miss 2000 Monique Fagan. She discovered the damage shortly after leaving school for the day, about two weeks ago.

The Sheriff's Department's Juvenile Liaison Officer Shawn Kraycs said he would like to make it very clear he has found no connection between the incident and alleged harassment by some Junior Miss contestants or anyone affiliated with the pageant and scholarship program.

Sheriff's Deputy Dean Goss stated in his complaint report the case is closed pending any further leads or information leading to the arrest of the culprit or culprits. If apprehended, the perpetrators would most likely be charged with Malicious Destruction of Private Property.

Anyone with information regarding the incident can make a confidential call to the Sheriff's Department at 348-4616.

Census 2000 campaign goes on... regardless of wrong addresses

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Thousands of letters mis-addressed by the Census Bureau has local Postmaster Jana Tuck and her crew scratching their heads wondering what went wrong. For some unknown reason, the numeral "1" was added to the beginning of each street address.

"This is the first of three mailings our office will be handling for the 2000 Census," said Tuck. "Our workers have had to hand correct the addresses. At least the bar codes are correct."

Tuck said her salaried employees are putting in extra hours without overtime pay to help make the Census a success. They all realize the importance of an accurate population count.

This mailing contained letters notifying some residents of an impending visit by a Census worker in the coming week. It also asks for cooperation by residents because

the U.S. Department of Commerce will use population statistics to determine federal funds distribution.

The mailing was the first step in the Bureau's attempt to count every resident. Nationwide, a total of 130 million letters were mailed during the first week of March. Over 105,000,000 official Census forms will be mailed within the next week.

The Census Bureau estimates 65 to 75 percent of the forms will be filled out and returned within about two weeks of receipt. And, just in case you're one of those people who may set the task aside and forget about the form, the Census Bureau will send out about 111,000,000 postcards as a reminder of the importance of being counted.

The Bureau will track forms to see which households have not returned their forms or have not filled them out completely. Those households will receive a visit from a census-taker.

Forms will be delivered in person by Census workers to people who live in out of the way locations. College dorms, military facilities, homeless shelters and migrant worker camps are among those to receive "special attention" by the Census Bureau.

During Census 2000, workers will contact 300,000 households in the United States in order to double check the amount of people in each household. Workers will then compare the number with the amount indicated on that household's form.

By December 31, the final national count must be completed. States have until April 1, 2001 to submit their final tally.

Census statistics are most often used by state and local governments to re-draw boundaries of federal, state and local legislative districts. They are also used in the determination of state and federal revenue apportionments to local governments.

First robin sighting in Grayling reported

Art and Mary Jane Thayer of Grayling reported the first robin sighted this year.

Thayer, who lives in the city, said his wife saw one robin on Sunday, March 5, then he saw two more a little while later the same day.

"We just looked out the window and there they were," Thayer said.

It was a beautiful sunny day, especially for early March in Michigan.

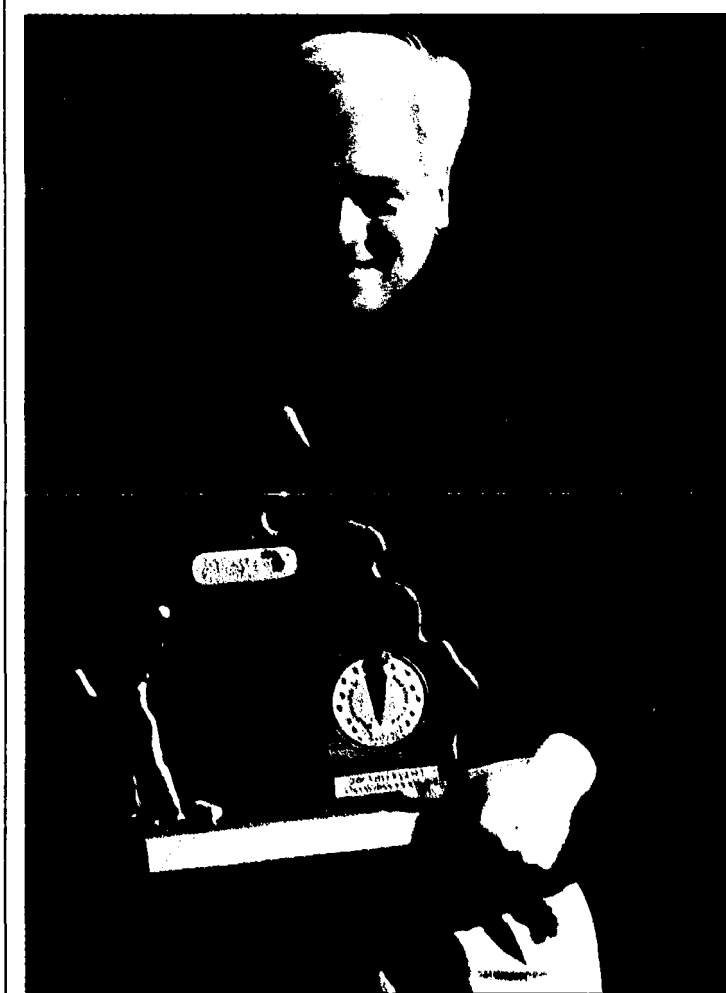
Last year, Bud Morgan reported the first robin sighting on February 23, at 2 p.m., on Madsen Street.

Was it really that warm at this time last year? Well, no. The *Avalanche* archives show the high temperature that day was 27 degrees and the low was -11. And... there was still six inches of snow on the ground in Grayling!



Volleyball team wins District

AS PROMISED, COACH DYES HAIR AFTER TOURNEY VICTORY



No, it's not a fashion statement. Back in November, Grayling High School varsity girls volleyball coach Brian Banda (left) told his Vikings that if they won the District this season he would let them dye his hair. On Saturday, the Vikings delivered, winning the District Tournament championship trophy (shown with Banda at left) with six straight victories, defeating Roscommon, West Branch and Harrison 2-0 in best-of-three sets. Banda made good on his promise, and his once jet black hair is now an unusual shade of orange blonde. For a full story on the District tournament, see Page 1B.

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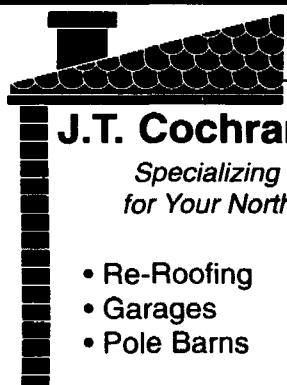
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Good nursing homes rewarded with grant money

Local facility failed to meet grant criteria; new owners making improvements

by Eric Lacy
Capital News Service

LANSING — New state grants will give \$8.5 million to improve the quality of living in over 340 Michigan nursing homes, rewarding facilities free from citations for violations.

The Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grants will address concerns administrators and staff members have in operating facilities such as staffing, patient morale, and resident room improvements, officials say.

For example, in East Lansing, the Burcham Hill Retirement Community was awarded \$27,664 for staff development efforts, according to healthcare administrator Linda Fleming.

"When you have good employees, they give good care and bring good residents," Fleming said. "We also want to provide more training for our staff and show them that they are a profession as well."

The grant program is administered by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, which oversees nursing homes and care facilities.

"This program benefits those facilities doing great on the fundamentals of care but that need help in other areas," said Maura Campbell, the department's public relations director.

Grant programs such as this are

supported strongly in the Legislature, according to Campbell. "Legislators are very clear on not wanting the program to just give money to places that are already doing well."

The money comes from federal and state taxes. Facilities cited for violations were notified by the department that they are ineligible for aid.

Grayling Nursing Center in Crawford County, formerly The Meadows of Grayling, was denied a grant due to past citations related to conditions at the facility, said Marilyn Heard, the new health care administrator.

"The company that owned the facility before went bankrupt when they (inspectors) found these citations," Heard said. "We have been renovating our facilities and plan to do more this spring."

In the nursing home industry, federal and state funding is calculated according to the number of beds in each facility.

"We were able to give \$20 more per bed in funding than the \$180-per-bed that the facilities asked for in their grant applications," Campbell said.

One specific improvement program, the Eden Alternative, sends trained advisors into facilities to improve their overall atmosphere.

The program also works on improving staff relations and train-

ing employees to provide daily activities for their residents.

"We want to make facilities more of a community instead of just brick buildings providing care," said Lynn Alexander, director of Michigan Office for Services to the Aging. "If we can't bring all patients home, then we have to make them a home where they are."

The Eden Alternative program is a way for many nursing homes to make improvements since 70 out of the 340 chosen facilities will use the money for that purpose.

The grant program is receiving good reviews, said Alexander. "We believe that this is very good news. Our state is very progressive in its efforts."

Federal assistance needed
for funding TB eradication

State Representative Dale Sheltrown (D-West Branch) announced late last week the passage of his resolution to request federal financial assistance for increased bovine tuberculosis testing, research and compensation in Michigan.

The Michigan House of Representatives passed House Resolution 288 requesting the United States Congress to provide federal funding to test all cattle in Michigan for bovine tuberculosis and construct a wildlife disease diagnostic laboratory at Michigan State University to conduct research.

The resolution also requests federal compensation for farmers whose infected cattle herds are ordered destroyed.

Sheltrown said, "The Michigan Department of Agriculture has pro-

jected that all cattle in Michigan are going to be tested for bovine tuberculosis in three years. This is vital for understanding the extent of infection throughout the state, but an enormous amount of resources will be required to complete the task."

"Michigan needs federal financial assistance now. Eradicating this disease is dependent upon our full understanding of bovine tuberculosis. Increasing testing and research will allow us to determine the best methods for eradication," Sheltrown stated.

"The Michigan House of Representatives have sent my resolution to Congress yesterday. We need assistance before our economy, the animal and recreational industry and Michigan's wildlife suffer irreparable damages," Sheltrown said.

Nearly 40 students enter library essay contest

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

An essay written by eighth grade student Laura Gorski was chosen as the winning entry in the "Why We Need a New Library" Essay and Poster Contest. Thirty-eight essay entries were received but no one submitted a poster.

The Pen & Pallet Club of St. Helen was chosen by contest sponsor, Crawford County Friends of the

Library, to choose the winner. The club was chosen because members have no affiliation with any of the children who entered, guaranteeing an unbiased opinion.

For first place, Gorski received a \$100 savings bond, a certificate and a blue ribbon. Second place winner Rodney Ney III received a \$50 bond, a certificate and a red ribbon for his efforts.

Honorable Mention winners Justin DeVille, Ashley Hawley, Chelsea

Curriston, Jessi Riddle and Sarah Harland took home \$10 cash each and a certificate for their entries.

Grayling Middle School Language Arts teacher Marti Ingvarsson was recognized for having about 30 of her students enter the contest. Crawford County Library Board President Terry Wright, host of the punch and cookies awards ceremony held March 4 at the Crawford County Library, led the applause. On hand for the Saturday morning

event were a variety of local dignitaries, members of Friends of the Library and family members of the winners.

Friends President Barb Spasoff said she hopes to rejuvenate the poster contest before the new library bond issue campaign gets into full swing. For information on how to help with the campaign call the library at 348-9214 or Friends Treasurer Shirley Schmoock at 348-5132.

Essay gives reasons 'Why we need a new library'

by Laura Gorski
First Place Winner

Lack of technology, limited choice of books, and poor location are just three of the many things that are wrong with our county library. The building is over thirty years old, and that means it's in need of expansion or repair. Our county library has many things wrong with it; what are we going to do about it?

Did you know that there are only two computers in the whole library? I really think that there needs to be a big technology expansion. What I mean by "technology expansion" is that we should have a greater availability of computers and reference materials. Reference materials include book tapes, CD Roms, videos, and computers with Internet access.

What if you had to do a report on a very difficult topic? You would go to the school library, right? What if they were all out of materials? Then you would go to the county library, right? It just so happens that our

library has no materials to check out because their computers don't have any quality information, their books are old and have no "up-to-date" information. What to do now? Panic? Yes! That is just an example of why we need to update and renovate our library.

A huge reason we need to get a new library, or just re-fix it up: Books! Books are the number one necessity to a successful library. That is what Grayling really needs... a successful library. One of the many things that a child needs as a part of growing up is a library, which we have. We have it, but it is really that essential if it isn't that well equipped? We need a variety of books for all ages, so everyone can enjoy it. Another thing we need in our library are magazines. There are many periodicals we need to update and subscribe to. These are just some ways that could help kids out in a number of ways during research, or just wanting to know information for fun.

Another problem with the library is that the location is horrible! It is located on a very busy highway. Thus, making it difficult for the younger kids and the more elderly of the town to reach it. Younger kids have a hard time due to the fact that they could get hit by a car and get hurt. They could also be scared because of the cars. The elderly have problems because they are slower, and could also get hit by a car. There is also a limited parking area, due to the size of the building itself. The smaller the parking lot, the less and less people come because there is nowhere to park. If the location could be in a more quiet and reserved area, more people could get to it, and the library could become accessible to everyone.

These are only three ways to change our Crawford County Library. Our library is thirty years old, we need to renovate and restore, and there is so much everyone can do; but what are you going to do about it?

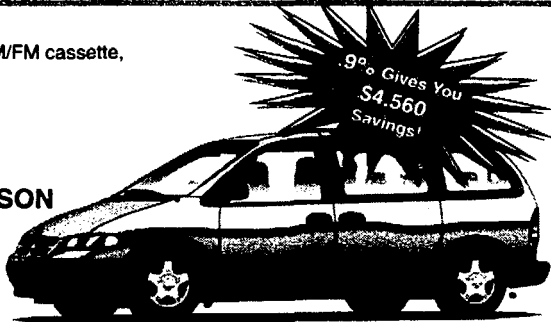
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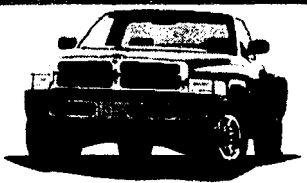
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Academic letters presented during Spirit Week

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling High School (GHS) Spirit Week was celebrated February 21-26, with events such as awards presentations, theme days and a dance.

GHS students were allowed to show their ability to dress creatively with such throughout the week with such themes as Flannel Pants/Band T-Shirt Day, Green & White Day, Down on the Farm Day, Techno Day and Life's a Beach Day.

On Tuesday, February 22, the students gathered for an assembly and were entertained by fellow classmates in the school's Jazz Band and some of this year's Grayling's Junior Miss contestants.

Principal Judith Gorski and Assistant Principal Loren Bass recognized many students for academic honors by presentation of Academic letters. The following students were awarded:

• Freshman with a 4.0 GPA are Annelisse Finke, Kevin Jozwiak, Charles McNamara, Coleman Payne, and Monica Safin.

• Sophomores with a 3.6 GPA or better are Larry Baynham, Shane Stephenson, Johanna Schultes, Alesha Wargo, Scott Latusek, Denae Southworth, Robert Vannuck, Kalub Fedak, Marcus Hagle, Alexis Sumner, Wes Fox, Robert Collin, Jon Boerger, Rachael Evon, Regina Rosi, Rachel Ramaswamy, Michelle Elsner, and Chet Wheeler.

• Juniors with a 3.5 GPA or better are Lance Royston, Meghan Meyer, Nate Miller, Jessica Abfalter, Levi Burkett, Josh Petrie, George Cooper, Jason Collen, Rachel Hunt, Michelle Stepp, Gwen Seifert, Becky Hunt, John McNamara, Jessica Holzbauer, Chris Peters, and Sonya Saladine.

Seniors with a 3.4 GPA or better are Darci Trudgeon, Karen Wyman,

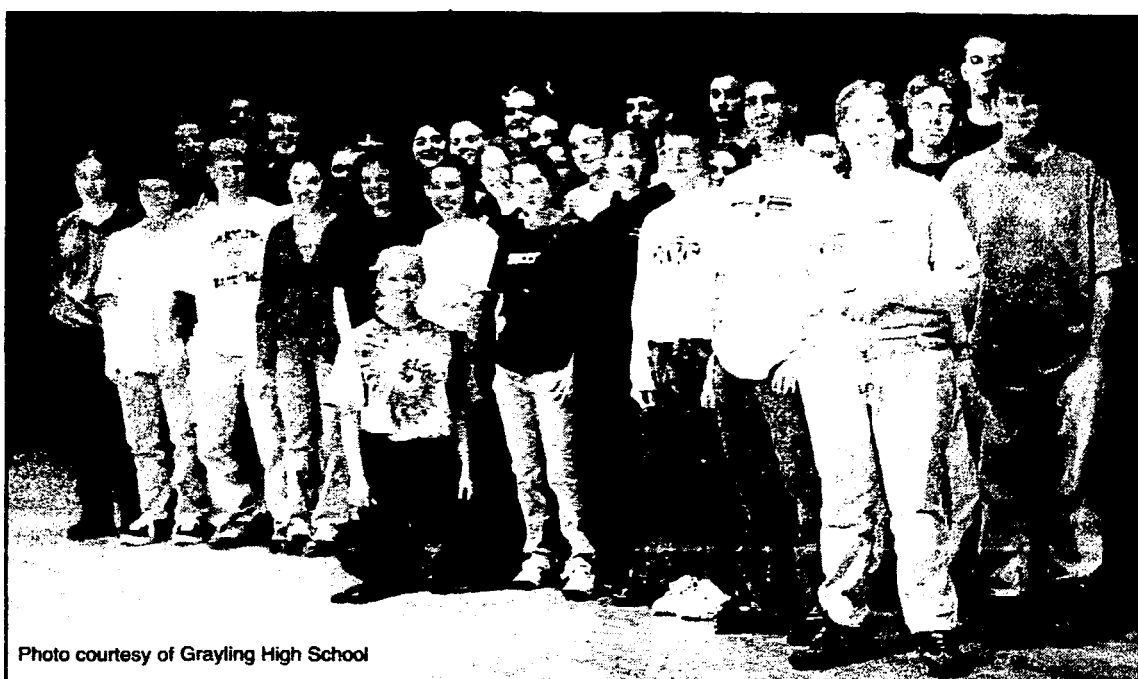


Photo courtesy of Grayling High School

Grayling High School Academic Letter recipients for the 1999-2000 school year.

Amanda Love, Kane Madsen, Ryan Casey, Tiffany Ruark, Marianne Vollmer, Carter Pavey, Cheryl Papendick, Sara Kenney, Ray Trudgeon, Mika Sumner, Amy Stevenson, Heidi Englund, Jill Ryther, Eli Tobin, Brandi McClain, Colby Davis, Katie Bonne, Sarah Targino, Michelle Stephenson, Mike Pappas, Sarah McGuire, Amie Price, Bethanie Black, Jessica Ferrigan, Joe Capuano, Matt Evon, Tim Ormsbee, Teresa Legg, Mike Latusek, and Matt Cragg.

Awards were also given out for the Renaissance program, honoring academics, attendance and attitude. Recipients were Kenneth Heinlein, Jason Henning, Coleman Payne, Jon Boerger, Ann Hughes, Gina Rosi, Ryan Casey and Justin Fiset.

Recognition was given by way of letters, pins and bars to Student Senate members. Class Advisors were also recognized for their guidance.

Appropriately so, the warmer



Photo courtesy of GHS

Winners of Renaissance Awards were presented to Kenneth Heinlein, Jason Henning, Coleman Payne, Jon Boerger, Ann Hughes, Gina Rosi, Ryan Casey (back to the camera) and Justin Fiset (not shown).

than usual week ended with the Snow-Going Dance on Saturday, February 26 at GHS. A dance code was enforced by adult advisors with the belief that when young people dress up a little, their behavior will follow suit. The dance was a success.

Card of Thanks



Thank you to everyone that donated stuff for the fundraiser for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Thanks to everyone for your time and your donations. We appreciate it and so do the loving animals at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Our first annual Valentine's fundraiser was very successful, bringing in over \$200. We hope to see you next year when we get bigger and better.

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Clarification

Regarding last week's "Grayling will hire 5th police officer" story on Page 1A: The determination that the patrol officer position was a part of the current City of Grayling budget was made by City Manager Allen Lowe. The City Manager is responsible for hires in the city. The fifth patrolman matter was brought to the City Council (at the council's February 14 meeting) at Police Chief Karl Schreiner's request. The council asked for more information at that time.

After reviewing the information, council members D.J. Brown and Jerry Hayes spoke in favor of the hire at the council's February 28 meeting.

Since the hire was an administrative decision made by the City Manager, the council did not take a vote regarding the hiring of a fifth patrol officer. The position vacancy has since been advertised.

Correction

In the January 20, 2000 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, the wrong address was published for sending donations to the Animal Shelter Building Project. Send donations to: P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

We sincerely regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

GHS Players' production of 'The Uninvited'sure to thrill audiences March 23 - 25

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The cast and crew of the Grayling High School Players' production of an adaptation of Dorothy Macardie's novel, *The Uninvited*, are just two weeks away from opening night at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The play was also adapted for the big screen for a Paramount production starring Ray Milland and was considered highly successful. One reviewer said, "This is a genuine romantic stage thriller that takes its ghost seriously."

The story goes like this... Pam Fitzgerald and her brother Roddy, an aspiring playwright, discover an abandoned but charming house in the west of England, overlooking the Irish Sea. The house is named Cliff End and the pair are able to buy it at a suspiciously low price from crusty Commander Brooke, the village curmudgeon. The reason for the low price quickly becomes apparent when it is discovered it has an unsavory reputation -- a murder may or may not have occurred in view of the parlor window some 15 years earlier.

The Fitzgeralds begin to sense an evil spirit when the house becomes inexplicably bone-chilling cold. The sound of a weeping woman causes the housekeeper's cat to avoid entering the nursery. There is also the scent of Mimosa -- a flowery, exotic perfume -- that seems to

just come and go without explanation.

Pam and Roddy are visited by some of the locals who share strange stories about the home's former inhabitants. Some of Cliff End's darkest secrets are revealed during a seance arranged by a friend of the Fitzgeralds leading to a terrifying climax, when the ghost proves itself to be dangerous.

Playing the lead roles of *Pam* and *Roddy Fitzgerald* are Sarah Carmean and John McNamara. *Lizzie Flynn* will be portrayed by Colby Davis.

In supporting roles are Heidi Neiderer as *Stella Meredith*, Jason Glicker as *Commander Brooke*, Gina Rosi as *Mrs. Jessup*, Rachel Ramaswamy as *Wendy*, Forrest Thompson as *Max Hillard*, Todd Gaffke as *Dr. Scott*, and Jessica Holzbauer as *Miss Holloway*.

The stage crew, under the technical direction of Mark Binert and James Carmean, include: Student Technical Director Teresa Legg, Student Lighting Director Michelle



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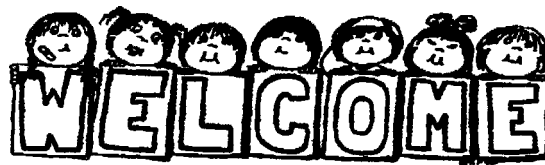
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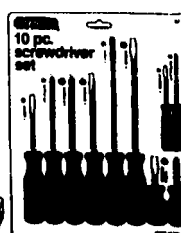
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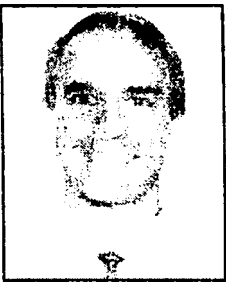
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Tragedy brings questions with no answers

I knew the questions would come. I was just trying to avoid them.

Kids are smart. They know what's going on. They pick up on things. So it was bound to happen.

It all started when our six-year-old discovered his long-misplaced slingshot.

"Can I take this to school?" he wondered.

No, I said. That would not be appropriate for school. It would be considered a weapon. There are no weapons at school, I explained, although he already knew this.

"Dad, where did that boy get that gun?"

Out of the blue, it was the start of the subject that we had been trying to avoid for the past week.

We had been trying to keep the biggest subject in the nation from becoming a topic of conversation in a house that has two televisions and

receives six newspapers a day. Like most families with kids, we seem to spend half our time together in the car coming from or going somewhere, usually with the radio on.

Trying to delay the onslaught was like putting the finger in the dike. It worked for a while, but the inevitable was coming.

Trying to avoid having to explain to a six-year-old son why a boy, his age, took a gun to school and shot and killed a classmate.

How do you explain that to a kindergartner?

Ready or not, now I had my chance.

Like a good dad, I played dumb. What boy? I started.

"That boy who was on the front page of the newspaper."

OK. Let's just do it.

I explained that the youngster found the gun in the house where he

was living.

"Did he go to jail?"

No, I explained. The police were still trying to figure out what to do about the boy who had the gun. They did take the man who owned the gun to jail. He was in trouble for having a gun and leaving it around his house where a little boy could find it.

"How long is he in jail for?"

Twenty-five years.

"Why was there a gun in his house?"

These were getting tougher.

The boy lived with his uncle in a house where there were drugs. The man was afraid someone would come and try to steal his drugs or try to kill him for his drugs, so he had a gun.

"Where was his mommy?"

No one knows where she is.

"Where is his dad?"

He is in jail.

"If you are in jail, how do you go to the bathroom?"

Good. We're getting off the subject.

I explained, but we weren't through.

"What's going to happen to the boy now?"

I explained that since he has no mom or dad to care for him, some people who run the state of Michigan would probably take charge of him and try to find a family that would want to take him in and adopt him. That way he would have a nice place to live and a family that cared for him.

"What did he do with the gun?"

This is very sad, I warned. He took the gun to school. He pointed it at a little girl. He shot her. And she died.

Our six-year-old was silent for a

minute.

"Why?" he asked. "Why did he do that?"

We finally got to one I couldn't answer.

I could tell him that it is the Republicans' fault for sitting on gun control legislation that, if passed, would have kept that girl alive. We have all heard that.

I could tell him that it is the Democrats' fault for years of promoting a system of social programs that allows a six-year-old boy to be living in that house with that relative. We've heard that, too.

I could tell him that it is the fault of the gun lobby, which has so much money it gets whatever it wants at the price of lives. Another reason.

Or I could tell him, as suggested by one Detroit columnist, that if there were more readily available birth control or access to abortion,

unwanted kids like the little boy would not even be around.

I could tell him that it is the fault of video games, television shows and violent movies that glorify death, violence, murder.

Or that it is due to the breakdown of the American family and the loss of our values over the past decades.

But he is six years old. He doesn't want to know who is to blame for the death of a little girl. He is not into finger pointing.

He is not an adult.

"I don't know, sweetie."

"No one knows."

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

UMRA members had no say in new fishing rules

To the editor,

I am surprised by the negative comments expressed in recent letters to the editor about the new fishing regulations for a portion of the Manistee River.

A significant investment in erosion control and related stream restoration made over the last ten years by a partnership of 13 different organizations, including Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development, Trout Unlimited, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Crawford and Kalkaska County Conservation Districts and the Upper Manistee River Association, has resulted in an improvement in natural trout reproduction and more rewarding angling. This has also attracted a tremendous increase in angling pressure, severely blunting the potential trout population growth.

The DNR-Fisheries Division, which started to update and simplify state-wide coldwater fishing regulations over ten years ago, raised the priority of this project about two years ago. The new regulations will affect every trout stream in Michigan in some way.

Many public hearings were held over a period of three months, including one in Grayling and several others within 50 miles. The

DNR felt that the regulations they applied to a portion of the Manistee were the appropriate way to manage that fishery.

The regulations are not a product of the Upper Manistee River Association. However, the concept of more conservative regulations was supported by the membership in attendance at numerous membership meetings, which are held twice yearly. In fact, the portion which some writers find objectionable, namely "flies only," was an 11th hour addition to the regulation package submitted to the Natural Resource Commission in September. Neither UMRA members nor the UMRA Board had an opportunity to discuss, comment, vote, support or not support this feature.

Mention was made of not allowing "our grandchildren to fish the Manistee." I have seen many "grandchildren" learn to fish with a fly.

It is my hope that through intelligent and protective fisheries management there will be trout in the Manistee that my grandchildren can enjoy when they are also adults and grandparents.

John Mount-Campbell
Grayling

Fisherman threatens lawsuit against new DNR rules

To the editor,

I am responding to the letters concerning the changes in regulations on the Manistee River.

I am an avid fly fisherman, and do not trout fish with bait very often. I supply most of the sporting goods stores in Northern Michigan with their fishing tackle. I state these things because I do not want people to think I have a hidden agenda.

I believe the new regulations are wrong and discriminate against the majority. Certain organizations control the DNR decision making process.

They believe their way is the only way to fish trout, and any other way is unethical. There is no reason to have "flies-only" stretches of river. This is doing more harm than good.

Some believe that bait fishermen are somehow destroying the river, and its fish population ... that bait fishermen always kill everything they catch, and do not practice catch and release ... that bait fishermen take all of the big

fish, and have a freezer full of trout. These are the types of falsehoods that are spread by certain organizations.

I believe the time has come to put a stop to the control these organizations have over the Dept. of Natural Resources and their decision/rule making process. Since bait fishermen have to pay the same license fee to fish as fly fishermen do, they too should have their own special sections to fish.

So, I call on the DNR to make from Cameron Bridge to the M-72 Bridge, and from the CCC bridge to Sharon Bridge "bait only" sections and fly-fishing illegal. On the AuSable River from the dam in Grayling to Burton's Landing, Wakeley Bridge to Mio Dam should also be bait-only with no fly-fishing.

This action would greatly affect me since these are areas I frequently fly-fish. This is the only fair thing to do. If the DNR does not make this happen, or eliminate flies only restrictions on the

Manistee, AuSable, and all other trout streams in Michigan, I will consider contacting the ACLU and begin a class action lawsuit to remedy the situation.

I do believe some of the changes, as far as creel limits, are very positive and I support them. However, I can no longer stand for a minority making the rules for the majority. Fly fishermen number about 15% of the fishing population, and if the majority (85%) fight to have things change, we will win.

The majority must stop being passive and start fighting for our rights.

We must stop the grip of the wealthy minority fishing groups from influencing the DNR decision and rule making process. If you would like to help me fight please contact me at (517) 348-4366.

This is important to the future of fishing.

John Schneider
Grayling

Parents should keep children home when sick

To the editor,

This is an open letter to parents with children in AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools:

Do you realize what you do to other children when you send your child to school sick? Chicken pox and strep throat, especially. Do you realize how many people you expose these diseases to? The whole school.

I have a child that cannot be exposed to these illnesses, as he is going through chemotherapy. His case may be more serious, but consider what the exposure does to other children as well. It is not fair to any of them, or what it does to your own child being sent to school sick.

My child has to stay out of school if any of these illnesses are present in the schools. It's not fair to him because of your lack of consideration and bad judgement. I'm not just concerned about my child, but for all the children in the schools. Stop and think.

Sondra Vradenburg
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Wife updates local man's condition after tragic fall

To the editor,

On February 8, 2000, around 8:30 a.m., Louie Gingerick fell off the roof of the Sears building in Alma while working. We don't know why or how he fell, just that he did.

He landed on his head. He did not break any arms or legs, but he did break his right clavicle and his left eye. His eye is healing well.

A lot of damage was done to the left side of his brain. Louie was in critical, but guarded condition for about five days. After 19 days, he started to move his right hand and has been moving his left side. He remains in the hospital's Neuro Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Louie did not have a heart attack or a stroke. After 19 days he underwent an EKG and that came out okay. But, I always knew he had a good heart.

Louie is starting to come out of it.

We were told we won't know how much brain damage was done for about three months.

When Louie is awake, he looks at me like, "I don't know you." But, he will remember who I am. We have lots of angels working on Louie. They have helped both of us tremendously. But, most of all, they gave me back "My Best Friend."

Our children are doing great. Mark is back to work and Julie has returned to classes at Central Michigan University. I sit with Louie everyday.

As his wife, I know Louie would be encouraged by cards and letters from Grayling. They can be sent to Louie Gingerick C/O St. Mary's Hospital, NICU, 800 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. No flowers or balloons are allowed in NICU.

Mary Jo Gingerick
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Learn first aid for pets and people

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter is offering two first aid courses at month's end. A *Pet CPR and First Aid* course including CPR for dogs and cats will be held Thursday, March 23, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This course is veterinarian-approved and is perfect for every pet enthusiast. Course fee is \$20. Pet first aid kits will be available at the class for \$15. On Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., a *Community First Aid and Safety* course will be held. It includes adult, infant and child CPR and first aid instruction. Course fee is \$40. Classes are held at the Red Cross office, 1349 S. Otsego, Suite 9 (Parkside Mini Mall) in Gaylord. Pre-registration is required. Call (517) 732-7161.

Rotary Calendar winners for February

Rotary Calendar winners, of \$50 each, are Richard Jaskowski, Al Krey, Randy Thompson, and Edgar Boettcher.

Gardeners present *Garden Folklore*

Does your favorite flower have a history or story that explains why it has the name that it does? On Monday, March 13 join the Master Gardeners when Kathy Thomas entertains with delightful stories and information on *Garden Folklore*. The Master Gardeners meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall. Reservations and membership are not required to attend. Come and share your interests in gardening. For more information, call President Barb at (517) 275-5832.

Free blood pressure, glucose tests offered

Mercy Hospital Grayling will offer free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings Tuesday, March 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital lobby. For more information, call Volunteer Services representatives Teresa Money at (517) 348-0433, or Tara Weaver at (517) 348-0708.

Band Boosters plan membership meeting

The Viking Band Boosters' membership meeting will be held Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All members' parents are invited to attend.

Picnic meeting planned in Beaver Creek

The Beaver Creek Township Picnic Committee will hold an organizational meeting Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Skyline Ski & Country Club, 4020 Skyline Road (off Old 27, south of Five Mile Road). Volunteers are needed -- anyone interested in serving on the committee or helping the day of the picnic, August 19, is welcome to attend the meeting. Anyone interested but unable to attend the meeting should call the Beaver Creek Township Hall at (517) 275-8878 during regular business hours -- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Township officials are looking forward to a great picnic this year.

Register for 4-H toddler swim programs

The Tiny Tot Swim Program for three- and four-year olds begins March 20. This year classes will be held at the Super 8 Motel on Four Mile Road in Grayling. Cost is \$18 and the program runs for six weeks, one-half hour per week. Class times are 2 p.m. for four-year olds and 2:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. for three-year olds. Class sizes are limited. To enroll, register at the Crawford County MSU-E Office located in the basement of the Courthouse. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Viking Choir Boosters plan meeting

Grayling Viking Choir Boosters will meet on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of choir students, grades six through 12, are encouraged to attend.

Drop off items for Project Graduation sale

Project Graduation's Annual Super Rummage Sale is scheduled for March 17, 18 and 19. Donations can be delivered to the big Ben Franklin building at the Mini Mall on Saturday, March 11, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

St. John Ladies to host lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon card party in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 15, beginning at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the church office at 348-5224. The church is located on Spruce Street.

Modern Woodmen sponsor middle school Activity Night

Modern Woodmen of America #6378 is sponsoring an Activity Night for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, March 24.

Activity Night will be held at the Grayling Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Cost is \$3.50 per student.

Activities include games music and lots of fun. Snacks will be available for purchase, too.

Modern Woodmen will match up to \$1,500 raised as a result of Activity Night and the money will be used toward the purchase of new equipment, books, and other items for the Grayling Middle School Library.

Questions about Activity Night or Modern Woodmen of America may be directed to Patty Salyers at 348-4442.

Free Red Cross Adult CPR class offered

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering free Adult CPR in Grayling on March 18.

The class will be held at the Holiday Inn, located at 2650 S. I-75 Business Loop. Class times are 6

p.m. to 10 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Pre-registration for the free Adult CPR class is necessary. For registration, volunteer opportunity information, or to donate to the local Red Cross, call (517) 732-7161.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Public hearing scheduled for new building



Photo courtesy of Tracie Compton

READING'S THEIR BAG -- Crawford County Friends of the Library Treasurer Shirley Schmooch (left) and President Barbara Spasoff show off a stenciled book bag being sold for \$10 each to raise funds for the new library building project. The bags are available for purchase at the Library.

The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing, Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse.

The purpose of the hearing is to present the proposed bond issue to the public and provide answers to any questions taxpayers may have concerning the bond issue, millage and other issues regarding the new library building project.

The Financial Advisor, Bond Counsel Architect, County Treasurer, Library Board, Friends of the Library will all be on hand and invite the public to view draft conceptual drawings of what the new

library may look like.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: 348-9214. Web site: www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 348-4067.

March 18 is Maple Syrup Day

To help people learn all about North America's oldest agricultural product, Hartwick Pines State Park will present Maple Syrup Day, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the park's Michigan Forest Visitor Center.

The day's activities include:

- On-going demonstrations of the boil-down process;
- Backyard and commercial sugar-bush operation questions answered by special guest Russell Kidd, MSU District Extension Forestry Agent;

- Kids can "Make-a-mokuk" in the Visitor Center classroom, help "build-a-tree" and play a photosynthesis game;

- View "Maple Sugar Farmer" in the Visitor Center's auditorium every hour, on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

- View "Maple Sugaring" in the Visitor Center's auditorium every hour, on the half hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- Observe and help tap a tree every hour, on the half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. Last tapping at 3:30 p.m.;

- Taste maple sap and syrup, too;

- Purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

While at Maple Syrup Day, be sure to pick up a copy of delicious maple recipes.

There is no fee for Maple Syrup Day, however a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Seasonal passes are \$20, day passes are \$4 and camping is \$14 per night.

Exhibits at the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum will be open for this event, weather permitting.

For more information about Maple Syrup Day, the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, or other park features, call (517) 348-2537.

St. Patrick's Day dinner to help with Australia trip

A St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held on March 17, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will raise money to help five Grayling baseball players fund their trip to Australia this summer.

The St. Patrick's Day dinner, which will be held at the American Legion Hall in Grayling, will feature a menu of corned beef with cabbage, vegetables, tossed salad, beverages, and dessert.

Dinner costs will be \$5/adult, \$3.50/child, or \$20/family. Make checks payable to "The Baseball Education Fund."

The five Grayling baseball players, Rusty Strohpaal, Brad Gorski, Jon Haskel, Levi Burkett, and Jeremy Latuszek, tried out for and were selected to a USA Baseball Stars team. The team will play against the best high school players the world has to offer in Australia this summer.

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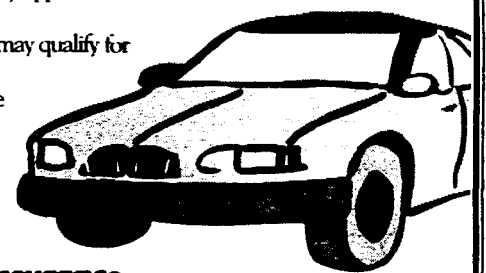
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The Bible Speaks

Religious Rule Dangerous

The British Empire was once governed by the divine right of kings. Samuel Rutherford challenged that form of government with the divine right of law. Rutherford's book, *Lex, Rex* (1644) opened with this challenge: "For the lawfulness of resistance in the matter of the king's unjust invasion of life and religion, we offer these arguments." Rutherford used God's supreme law, the Bible to define the principles of government by law. The equality of all people under law has been replacing the rule of kings ever since. Our own Declaration of Independence assumed the same divine right of law defended in *Lex, Rex*.

The moral roots of our original legal system relied heavily upon Christian influence from England. English law, as represented in William Blackstone's commentaries, was based directly upon Bible truth. Blackstone (1723-80) is credited with laying the foundation of modern English law and profoundly influencing the legal systems of the United States and other countries. His *Commentaries on the Laws of England*, published in four volumes between 1765 and 1769, was based on a course of lectures he presented at Oxford. His four-volume *Commentaries on the Laws of England* has made Sir William Blackstone the best known of English and American writers on the law. For many years after his death the *Commentaries* served as textbooks for

the teaching of law both in England and in America. Although all four volumes of the *Commentaries* appeared in the 1760s, they remain one of the best general histories of English law.

Our rich legal heritage of freedom under the law continues to be challenged by many world systems of oppression and tyranny. Recently, Zamfara, the northern state in Nigeria imposed Sharia or Islamic law which violates their constitution. Zamfara's governor, Ahmed Sani, said he would replicate the Sharia code used in Saudi Arabia, including punishments, such as amputation for thieves and flogging for drinking alcohol. He said, "We are going to create a very good society in which there is no theft or robbery, and government officials do not steal government money." Boys and girls are now being educated in single-sex schools, alcohol sales have been banned and cinemas closed. Will everyone be treated equal under Islamic law? Governor Sani said Sharia or Islamic law will be applied only to Muslims. "Nothing will change for Christians. They have nothing to fear." He said. Will inequality under Islamic law result in freedom and equality for all people of Zamfara, or in increased hatred and persecution of non-Muslims?

Liberty and freedom for every person in America came from our Christian roots (John 8:36) "If the Son therefore shall

make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (2 Cor 3:17) "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (John 8:32) "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Psa. 119:45) "And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." If Americans continue to reject and replace their Christian roots with modern multiculturalism, we will lose our "unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." "In God We Trust" and "One Nation Under God" will gradually be replaced with that form of tyranny which enslaved our forefathers.

"Pastor B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Chosen Ones' outreach ministry to visit

"The Chosen Ones," a family Christian outreach ministry, come from Manchester, IL. They believe they have answered God's call to travel and share His word through music, puppetry and testimony.

They have traveled through 22 states and one foreign country, sharing through the media of television, radio, and personal appearances.

The Chosen Ones hope audi-

ences will find their ministry very encouraging -- touching the hearts of you and old alike -- a family ministering to a family. They pray everyone will be able to come and share God's promise with them.

The Chosen Ones will be in concert at the First Congregational Church in Roscommon on March 18 at 6 p.m. As part of the program of praise and worship, Ralphie and Friends puppet ministry will perform.

The First Congregational Church is located at 109 Main Street in Roscommon.

Abundant Life hosts southern evangelist

The congregation of Abundant Life Tabernacle will be hosting evangelist Ralph Rawls, of North Carolina, March 12-15.

Meetings will be held nightly at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the congregation in worship and praise of the Lord Jesus.

Evangelist Rawls brings a message from God meant to strengthen and encourage people in the Lord.

The church is located at 211 Shellenbarger Street in Grayling. For more information, call (517) 348-5325.

Heritage celebrates 14 years

Heritage Baptist Church is celebrating its 14th anniversary on Sunday, March 12.

The regularly scheduled 11 a.m. worship service will be followed by

a dinner in celebration of this occasion

Special events are planned to aid in remembering the past while looking forward to the future.

There is no cost for the dinner and the public is invited to attend.

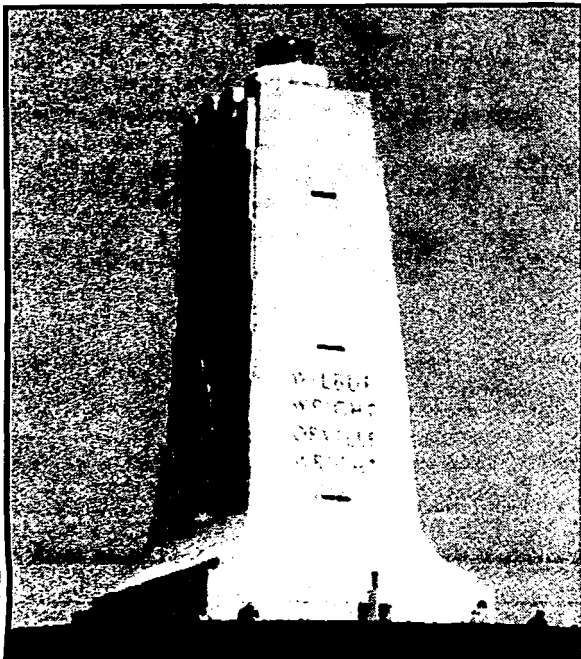
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Gospel group 'Redemption' to perform

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host gospel singing group "Redemption" on Sunday, March 11 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Church Directory



Sunday

Joel 1:13-20



Monday

Joel 2:1-17



Tuesday

Joel 2:18-27



Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-18



Thursday

Habakkuk 1:1-17



Friday

Habakkuk 2:1-20



Saturday

Habakkuk 3:1-19

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Sunday Service & Children's Church . 11 am
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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Morning Worship 11 am
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March is American Red Cross Month

March is American Red Cross month and the local Red Cross chapter is celebrating a tradition of service and hosting numerous activities such as a free adult CPR day in Grayling, fundraising events, and volunteer orientations and training throughout March.

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter serves Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties of northern Michigan.

On March 18, a free adult CPR course will be held in Grayling at the Holiday Inn, located at 2650 S. I-75 Business Loop from 6 - 10 p.m. All are invited to attend. Come learn lifesaving techniques such as saving a choking victim, rescue breathing, and CPR. Those who would like to attend need to call the Red Cross at (517) 732-7161 or 800-691-6059 to register. Pre-registration is necessary.

"There are two very powerful words that people in northern Michigan can count on: the Red Cross," said Sue Shoemaker, Interim Director. "The Red Cross works diligently every day to make families and communities safer. During American Red Cross month, we invite you to learn more about the services offered by our organization and join us as volunteers, blood, and financial donors."

In addition to the free CPR event, a major focus of American Red Cross month is fund-raising efforts to support the many vital services provided by volunteers within the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter.

Throughout March, Two Worlds Connected will be accepting dona-

tions of toiletries such as trial size toothpaste, shampoo, baby shampoo, razors, and deodorant to fill comfort kits for victims of disaster. To donate supplies, please call Louann or Tabatha Morris at (231) 347-4066, Katie McCune at (231) 347-0955 or Phoebe Allport at (231) 547-5253. Kits will be filled on March 25.

Additionally, on Wednesday, March 22, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. a Volunteer Orientation and Introduction to Disaster Services course will be held at Cheboygan High School, 801 W. Lincoln in Cheboygan. This course is for anyone interested in volunteering for the Red Cross and disaster services.

The American Red Cross is a volunteer-led, non-governmental organization and relies on the generosity of the American people in the area who donate their blood, time, energy, and more.

"Your donations allow us to answer the calls for help when it's needed most and to fulfill our promise of we'll be there," said Sue Shoemaker. "The money we raise is spent wisely - nationwide nearly 90 cents of every dollar is spent directly on programs and service, a stellar record among non-profits."

In the last year-and-a-half, the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter helped people prevent, prepare for, and responded to emergency situations when:

- Flooding occurred in Alpena.
- A vicious windstorm pummeled Gaylord, damaging or destroying families' homes.
- A shelter was opened after a 100-vehicle collision on I-75, near Grayling, leaving motorists stranded during a winter storm.

• A plane crash in Pellston called for Red Cross assistance with a search and rescue mission.

• A tornado touched down in Comins destroying the town.

• An apartment fire displaced 15 Vanderbilt residents.

• More than 200 residents were served when fires ravaged their homes.

• 5,463 everyday people were provided certificates in CPR, First Aid, Babysitter's Training, AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Aquatics and more.

• 173 families were assisted in times of illness, birth, and death by having the Red Cross serve as the communication link between families and loved ones serving in the Armed Forces.

• Local residents donated almost 13,000 units of blood.

The Red Cross needs your continued support and invites you to become part of a glorious past, inspiring present and exciting future. This month and throughout the year, the Red Cross is asking people to consider giving generously to the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. Individuals and businesses can make financial donations to the Red Cross by sending a check or money order to: American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter, 1349 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord, MI 49735.

Stop by one of their offices in Alpena, Bellaire, Gaylord, Grayling or Petoskey to meet staff and visit service centers.

Chamber offers new services to small business community

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, announces a significant change at the chamber.

"We recognize the importance of small business in the growth and prosperity of the Grayling Region and throughout Crawford County," McConnell said, "and have taken steps to be a major supporter in the development and expansion of small businesses in the area."

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has agreed to act as an Affiliate Office of the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) network.

The SBDC program has been in operation for over 15 years. It is primarily funded through the Small Business Administration (SBA).

With the state office housed at Wayne State University, the Michigan SBDC has 12 regions with which to serve the small businesses throughout the state.

The SBDC Affiliate at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is part of Region 3, headquartered at Alpena Community College and serving 11 counties of northeast Michigan.

The primary functions of the SBDC are free, one-on-one counseling for any small business (any business with fewer than 500 employees), research, training (which may be fee-based), and advocacy for small business.

To find out more about this new service at the Chamber, call McConnell at (517) 348-2921.

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GHS math teacher receives grant for special project

MichCon has awarded a \$210 grant to Barbara Febey of Grayling High School. The grant will be used to fund the Exploring Probability project. MichCon's Educational Mini-Grant Program supports new and innovative approaches to learning that complement the core K-12 curriculum.

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MichCon gives back to the communities it serves through its philanthropic arm, the MichCon Foundation. "By sharing our corporate resources with educators in our local schools, students benefit from new learning opportunities," said Fred Shell, MichCon's foundation president.

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Volunteer Center hosts informative luncheon

The Kirtland Volunteer Action Center continues to offer a luncheon inservice for volunteer coordinators in the four counties of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon.

Maria Klosowski, RSM, Coordinator of the Kellogg Grant Project, noted that "these luncheons are proving to be a great way to meet individuals from other agencies and to swap information about resources and inservices."

The program topic for the luncheon on March 21 and 22 is *Group Projects Made Simple*. Volunteer coordinators can attend either day.

Call the Kirtland Volunteer Action Center at (517) 275-7023 or 1-877-331-2333 (toll-free) to obtain further information. Reservations for this inservice must be made by March 13.

Love named Star's General Manager

Angela Love of Grayling has been promoted to the position of General Manager of the Northern Star and Star Advertiser in Gaylord.

Most recently, Love oversaw the sales efforts for the Gaylord office. She is active with the North Central Home Builders Association, Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce and the Girl Scouts of America.

Love is a former employee of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

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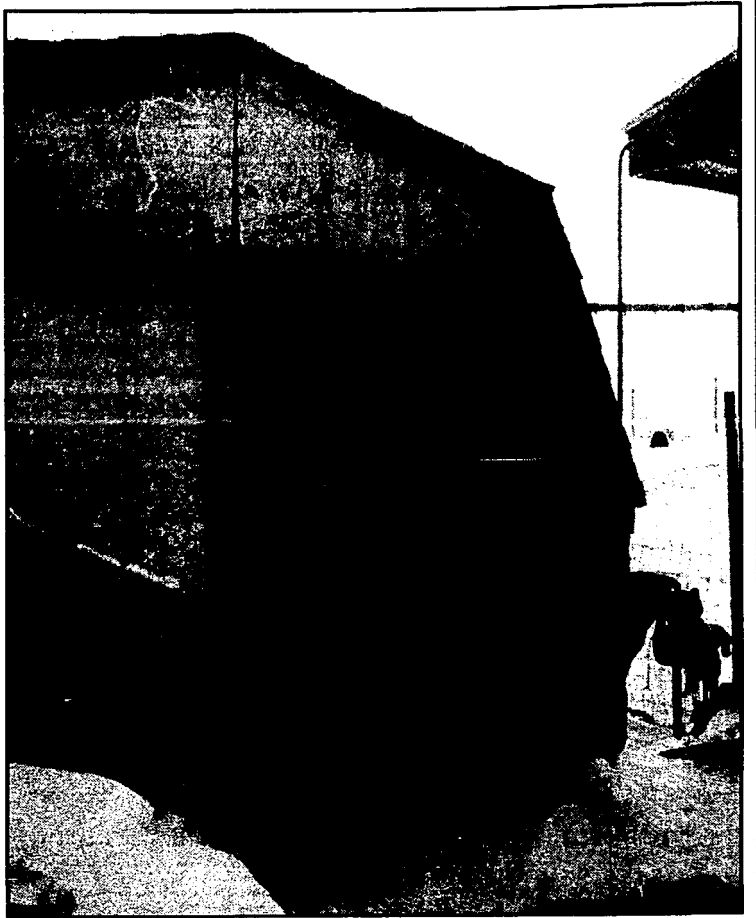


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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Grayling Middle School Students of the Month are: Duane Beck, Hayley Boardman, Brent Calkins, Naomi Cox, Chelsea Currison, Jessica Demaines, Nicole Dixon, Alex Donaldson, Andrew Failing, Brent Gabriel, Shelly Gardiner, Travis Gildner, Bill Golnick, Laura Gorski, Emily Harvey, Matt L. Larson, Danny Latusek, Samantha LeMaster, Nikki Lynch (absent), James Markert, Justin Markert, Ashley Morrison, Ray Nichols, Terese Phillips, Ashley Prosser, Nicole Reyes, Alex Sendek, Krista Smith, Gib Tobin, Amanda VanNuck, Ashley Walker (absent), Travis Webb (absent).

Grants available from NCMCF, ORCA YAC

The Crawford County Committee of North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has grant applications available for their winter grant cycle. Mini grant requests for up to \$300 will be considered. The grant screening committee intends to fund as many projects as possible throughout the county.

The Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford Area Youth Advisory Council (ORCA YAC) will also be accepting grant applications during this cycle.

The YAC will accept both mini-grant requests and common grant requests for up to \$2,500.

Applicants must be recognized as or sponsored by a non-profit, chari-

table organization with 501(c)(3) status, or by a school or government body. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2000. Determinations will be made within 70 days of the application deadline.

Information, guidelines, and applications are available by calling Shari at NCMCF's office (517) 275-3112.

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Local Scouts take first at Klondike

On January 29, five Boy Scouts from Grayling's Troop 979 attended the annual District Klondike at Northwoods Scout Camp, south of Rose City. The theme for the weekend was Cooking.

The Scouts were judged on several skills including fire building, cooking, and clean up, as well as how well they worked together.

When the events were over and the points were tallied, the Scouts from Troop 979 had placed First in two of four areas, which earned them First Place Overall and allows them to keep the traditional totem pole.

The totem pole is awarded to the number one troop in the AuSable District up to three times each year. This same Grayling troop also won the top honors at last fall's Camporee. The troop is now preparing to make it three wins in a row during the first weekend of May.

Representing Troop 979 at the Klondike was Senior Patrol Leader Brian Stewart, Patrol Leader Adam Malone, and Scouts Todd McCarver, Henry Lane, and William Carpenter. Also attending were Scoutmaster Loren Goodale and Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Lane.

In other Troop 979 news... since the Klondike, all of the boys in the troop have been working on the Crime Prevention Merit Badge with Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Coe. Also, the troop has received word that two of their scouts, Matt Evon and Brian Stewart, have been approved for the Eagle Scout Awards and will be honored at a ceremony on April 9.

Troop 979 would like to invite any boy over 11 years of age to join them in the scouting experience. Call Scoutmaster Loren Goodale at (517) 348-6238 for more information on how to join.



Photo courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 979

OVERALL WINNERS - On January 29, Senior Patrol Leader Brian Stewart, Patrol Leader Adam Malone and Troop 979 members Todd McCarver, Henry Lane and William Carpenter took First Place Overall at the annual District Klondike near Rose City.

Sisters are second generation preschoolers

At a recent board meeting for the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, a discovery was made regarding two current students.

It seems that Caitlin and Cierra Prosser are second generation students at the Preschool. Their parents, Max and Jackie (Cragg) Prosser attended the school years ago.

The school began in 1967 and has been a stable introduction to early education in the Grayling community ever since.

Grayling Cooperative Preschool staff members focus on providing a stimulating and creative atmosphere for the students. The cooperative setting allows parents to remain involved in this, their child's first formal schooling. This experience has proven rewarding for both the child and the parents for many years now.

The school offers programs for three- and four-year olds. Anyone interested in more information may contact either Cory Dean at 348-2434 or Ann Malm at 348-3219.



Jackie (Cragg) Prosser - back row, right - November 17, 1980



Caitlin Prosser



Cierra Prosser

Local dancer featured in Interlochen's annual Senior Dance Recital

The Interlochen Center for the Arts campus was a flurry of activity the week of February 21, as students from the dance and music departments got ready to entertain.

The annual Senior Dance Recital was held February 20-21 in the Hildegarde Lewis Dance Building.

Eleven seniors contributed new works for the concert. Dancers performed ballet, jazz and contemporary works to a wide range of music, from Duke Ellington to Chopin.

Jill St. Germain, 17, of Grayling, and a junior majoring in dance at Interlochen, was featured in two of the pieces - "Charisma. To Each His Own," choreographed by Kelcy Hess of Boulder, Colorado who was inspired, she says, "by the

dancers who have made it to my hall of fame or the 'Fab Five,' with St. Germain performing a major solo. She also performed to "Freaks," choreographed by Richard Hinds of Fairfield, Connecticut and dedicated to his three "Roxie Stars."

St. Germain is the daughter of Gerald St. Germain and Debbie St. Germain of Grayling. She studied at the Louise Tournaud School of Dance from age three until entering Interlochen Arts Academy in her sophomore year.

St. Germain just recently received a full scholarship to the Joffrey Ballet Summer Camp in New York for a month of intensive dance instruction.

The Senior Dance Recital gives Interlochen Arts Academy (IAA) senior dance majors an

opportunity to explore the choreographic process and other elements of dance production, including costuming and lighting. The performance was free and open to the public.

Interlochen Center for the Arts is home to Interlochen Arts Academy, America's premier fine arts boarding school; Interlochen Arts Camp, the world's oldest and best-known summer arts program; Interlochen Arts Festival, the year-round presentation of more than 750 performances/exhibitions; and Interlochen Public Radio, a national leader in per capita listener support among public radio stations.

Interlochen Center for the Arts is situated on a 1,200-acre campus southwest of Traverse City in Interlochen.



A few of the performers at the Interlochen Senior Dance Recital included (left to right) Shaniqua Risbrook of Florida, Jill St. Germain of Grayling, and Jaime Kotrba of Michigan, who performed in "Freaks."

HONORS

Spring Arbor College

Kelly Kiefer, of Grayling, has been named to the Academic Honors List for the Fall 1999 semester.

To be named to the Academic Honors List, full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Central Michigan University

Among the approximately 2,600 students receiving degrees at

December commencement ceremonies were: Rebecca J. Baker, of Grayling, with a Master of Arts degree; Michelle M. Ewald, of Grayling, with a Master of Arts degree; and Heather A. Millikin, of Grayling, with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Western Michigan University

Among the 1,732 people who received degrees at the December commencement ceremonies were:

Kenneth J. Sands, of Grayling with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Cum Laude) in Anthropology; and Kristin Welch of Grayling, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Grand Valley State University

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the fall 1999 semester: Michelle L. Fritz of Roscommon and Amanda M.

Whitlock of Roscommon. To be named to the list the student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

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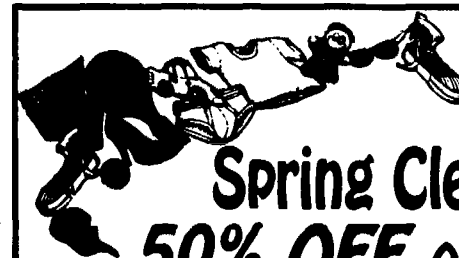
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OBITUARIES

Bradley Lee Coulter

Bradley Lee Coulter, 52, of Grayling died Tuesday February 29, 2000, at Laughlin, Nevada.

He was born in Lapeer, April 20, 1947, the son of Edward John and Anna G. (Long) Coulter. He married the former Lynnette Chamberlain on January 12, 1998, who he had been with since 1982. He moved to Grayling in 1974.

Mr. Coulter worked as a tool and die man for Pontiac Motors in Flint. He moved to Comins and purchased a party store. From there, he worked for Huston Real Estate in Lewiston, while starting up his excavating business in Lovells. He moved the business to Grayling in 1989. In 1992 he sold the excavating business and opened "Brad Coulter Equipment Sales." He was semi-retired and training his son to take over the business.

He was a professional trapper and avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing also. He was past president and served as the Michigan state representative for the National Trappers Association. He trapped in a number of states, including Michigan, Wyoming, Georgia, Oregon, Arizona and Colorado. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association.

The Coulters recently sold their home in Grayling and were in the process of moving to Glen Ullin, North Dakota.

Mr. Coulter is survived by his wife, Lynnette; his parents, Edward Coulter of Lovells and Anna (Alvin) Rouse of Grayling, one daughter, Kay (Beau) Williams, of Atlanta; one son, Jason Coulter of Grayling; three grandchildren, Henry F. Smith IV, Adam M. Smith and Brook M. Williams.

Funeral services were held March 6 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Dr. Robert J. Barnett officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to the National Rifle Association.

Virginia B. Laurent

Virginia B. Laurent, 72, of Grayling died Thursday March 2, 2000, at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

She was born in Lowell, October 27, 1927, the daughter of Elgin and Blanche E. (Osborne) Norwood. She was married to William Laurent. She moved to Grayling in 1963, from Flint. Mrs. Laurent was an "Avon Lady" for a long time and also worked as a cook at the Arrowhead Restaurant. She attended Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her pets and "listening" to the sounds of nature.

Mrs. Laurent was preceded in death by her husband, William, and one daughter, Debbie Parmer in 1975.

Mrs. Laurent is survived by one daughter, Connie (Jim) Richards of Burton; one son, Bob (Alice) Miller of Alabama, nine grandchildren, Jon (Mary) Card of Burton, Jennifer (Craig) Peterson of Grand Blanc, Tara Miller of Alabama, Ashton Miller of Alabama, Jan Parmer of Ruth, Jason (Sharon) Parmer of Ruth, April (Phil) Arnold of Beaverton, Jim (Rachel) Richards of Harrison and Candy (Scott) Wyckoff of Gladwin; eight great-grandchildren and lots of special friends.

Funeral services were held March 6 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiating. Burial will be in the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority news

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY - On Saturday, April 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. breakfast with the Easter Bunny can be enjoyed at Hanson Hills. Tickets are \$2 for children and \$3 for adults.

There will be an Easter egg hunt and there will be opportunities to have pictures taken with Peter Cottontail.

SKATE PARK - The skate park will have its grand opening at noon, April 22 in the Fred Bear Memorial Center at Hanson Hills. Competition begins at 1 p.m. and there will be live performances by Blue Collar, The Murphys, Combo and MP5.

SPRING SOCCER - Spring soccer

will begin Saturday, April 29. Sign up by 4 p.m. April 14th for \$25. Late registration will be accepted for \$30 from April 15 until April 25.

KITE DAYS - Kite Days will be held Saturday May 20 at Hanson Hills and Sunday, May 21 at Frederic Township Park. Both events run from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Free kites will be available.

FISH HATCHERY - The Grayling Fish Hatchery will open Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 27.

It will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. seven days a week. Admission is free for children under 6, \$1 for children between ages 6 and 17 and \$1.50 for adults.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 109 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of February 27 - March 5:

One structure fire, one grass fire, two driving violations/DWLS, four delinquent minors, one false alarm, 37 general non-criminal, 15 traffic accidents (ten were car-deer), one traffic violation/civil infraction, one traffic safety, five civil matter disputes/family trouble, four suspicious

situations, one lost and found property, two assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault,

One burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one larceny from a building, one motor vehicle theft, four damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, 11 public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, nine health and safety (all animal control), one miscellaneous arrest.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 52 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from Feb. 28-March 5:

Eight traffic accidents, five larcenies, one violent threat, one bad check, two alarms, three juvenile complaints, three disorderly persons, two assaults, two domestics, one malicious destruction of property, one shoplifting, one recovered

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Albee - LaMotte wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Curt LaMotte

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albee, of Grand Blanc announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristina, to Curt LaMotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaMotte of Grayling on January 15, 2000.

The wedding ceremony took place in a twilight winter wonderland at The Dearborn Inn, late afternoon. The evening ended with a party for the wedding attendants, friends, and family back in a suite at The Dearborn Inn.

The wedding ceremony and reception took place at the famous Dearborn Inn in Dearborn. Guests were invited to join both families for a weekend of festivities.

The wedding ceremony took place in a twilight winter wonderland at The Dearborn Inn, late afternoon.

The bride wore a white silk satin, strapless, ball gown-style wedding gown designed by the Diamond Collection. The floor-length gown had a princess lace and pearl bodice. She accented the gown with a white silk cathedral veil and mid arm length white silk gloves.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Hudson, of Kalamazoo. Bridesmaids were Angela Cucco of

Grayling, Stacey Peters of Haslett and Lesleigh Mesack of Traverse City. The bridesmaids wore black beaded evening gowns.

The best man was Robert Holewinski of Clinton Township. Groomsmen were John Herrick of Grayling, Bob Sheldon of Haslett, and Timothy Albee of Los Angeles, California.

The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Harry Capps, Ph.D. Vocal performance was by George Stancil. Readings were given by Pati Putt and Adam Sebastian. Music was performed by Scandinavian Strings, trumpeter Steven Case, and pianist Mike Marshall.

The ceremony was followed by a cocktail hour in the Fireside Lounge and then a formal dinner reception in the Alexandria Ballroom. The live band, Persuasion, provided dancing music for the guests.

Guests were invited to a Sunday breakfast party the following day to end the festivities.

The couple enjoyed a weeklong honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Curt and Kristina LaMotte reside in Rochester Hills. Kristina is employed by Carlson Marketing Group and Curt is employed by MSX, International.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: If your life takes a turn for the worse, just stop and remember - you are the one doing the driving!

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

March 8 - Commodities distributed at Eagles Club, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Nova & Co games at 1:30 p.m.; March Birthday dinner and COA White Elephant Auction in the evening.

March 9 - Blood pressures and blood sugars taken from 11 a.m. to noon; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.

March 10 - Pantry bingo at 1 p.m.

March 11 - Foot Clinic - by appointment. Please call 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 to schedule an appointment.

March 13 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

March 14 - St. Patrick's dinner and dance with Tina, 5 p.m.

March 15 - Hearing Clinic by appointment; Afternoon at the Movies at 3 p.m.; COA Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

March 16 - Lucky 7 Casino trip, 10:30 a.m.

March 17 - Pantry Bingo at 1

p.m.; Legal Help at 1:30 p.m.

March 19 - Pancake Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday: a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Lunch/Dinner for March 2000:
8 - Chicken and Biscuits/BBQ Pork

9 - Roast Beef/Stuffed Ham
10 - Hawaiian Ham/no dinner
13 - Chop Suey/Pork Cutlets
14 - Creamed Chicken/ Corned beef and cabbage

15 - Veal Cutlets/Roast Beef
16 - Turkey Birds/Liver and Onions

17 Roast Chicken/no dinner
Special thought to leave you with:

A bit of advice if you are 65 and about to retire. Don't move to a retirement community. Everyone there will be 70 to 90 and when there is something heavy to be moved, lifted or loaded, they will all yell, "Get the kid!"

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during March 8 through March 14.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers, mortar and artillery firing.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Gregory Hayes, a native of Grayling, was a contributor to the January/February issue of the *Michigan History Magazine* with his story, entitled "Detroit Hosts a Grand Reunion."

The story relates the 48th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Detroit starting on Wednesday, September 2, 1914.

It was the last national parade of the GAR.

Hayes is a graduate of Grayling High School, the son of Patricia McKenna Hayes and the late Wesley Hayes. He lives with his wife, Debra, and their three children in Linden.

He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and currently serves as Commander of the Camp in Howell.

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Monday:	prayer meeting	7:00
Tuesday:	significant singles	7:00
Wednesday:	Bible study	7:00
Thursday:	dynamic discipleship class	7:00

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The first meeting will be held Monday, March 13th.

Please call for more information.

Fortin - Bonkowski engagement



Sonya Fortin and William Bonkowski

David and Joan Fortin of Traverse City announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya Maria Fortin, to William John Bonkowski, III of Grayling.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Traverse City High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Ferris State University. Ms. Fortin is employed as a teacher by the Crawford AuSable School District.

The groom-elect is a graduate of

Grayling High School. He has an Associates' Degree in Police Administration from Kirtland Community College and is a graduate of Northwestern Michigan Police Academy.

Mr. Bonkowski is employed by the Crawford County Sheriff Department. He is the son of William and Jacqueline Bonkowski of Grayling and the grandson of Mary T. Bonkowski of Grayling.

A June 10 wedding is planned.

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GHS volleyball team wins District Tournament

► Vikings win six straight games in tourney to advance to Regionals

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's varsity girls volleyball team posted a 6-0 record in the District Tournament held this past Saturday, defeating Roscommon, West Branch and Harrison to win the District championship.

The District tournament was held at Grayling High School.

The Vikings played the first series of the tourney, facing the Roscommon Bucks in round one. The Vikes were sharp in the first match, playing well at the net and putting up good serves and sets. GHS controlled the flow of the match.

Grayling scored two points on Kristy Hulbert's serve, including an ace, to lead 2-0. Later, the Vikings scored four points on Brandy Ritter's serve, including a kill by Mel Paxton, an ace, and a well-placed tip by Paxton. GHS led 9-3.

Grayling regained possession and scored three on Mika Sumner's service, including a set by Hulbert to Paxton for a spike.

With the score at 12-5, a shot by Hulbert got the ball back for GHS, and Grayling scored the last three points on two aces by Arica Wolcott and a set by Hulbert to Jenny Phillips for a kill.

Grayling won 15-5.

The Vikings played well in the second match also, winning by the same score (15-5). The second

game was close early, but with the score at 4-4, GHS started to pull away.

Grayling scored three on Paxton's serve, lost the ball, then regained possession with a spike by Phillips. GHS got two more points on Hulbert's serve to go up 9-3.

A set by Hulbert to Phillips for a kill got the ball back for Grayling, setting up Wolcott for a serving chance. GHS scored three on an ace, four hits by Roscommon, and a kill by Ritter set up by Hulbert.

Roscommon scored a point to make it 12-5, Grayling. A shot by Paxton up front brought the ball back to Grayling's side, and the Vikings finished Roscommon on Sumner's serve with an ace and a kill by Paxton.

The Vikings advanced to the semi-finals with the 2-0 victory over the Bucks.

The second game of the tournament featured the Houghton Lake Bobcats and the Kalkaska Blazers. Houghton Lake controlled the first game, winning 15-5, but fell apart in the second match. Kalkaska won game two 15-9 after being down 6-0 early. The Blazers continued their momentum from the second game, winning game three 15-5 and the series 2-1.

Next up was the Grayling/West Branch Ogemaw Heights semi-final battle. West Branch was one of the few teams to beat Grayling during the regular season, and the Vikings had to play well to win.

In the first game Grayling led early, and fought off a strong comeback attempt by Ogemaw late in the game to win it.

WBOH scored the first point of the match. Grayling got two on



Photo by Caleb Casey

District champs, the GHS varsity volleyball team: (front row, left to right) Coach Brian Banda, Sarah Targino, Kristi Wargo, Mel Paxton, Mika Sumner. (back row, left to right) Michelle Salyers, Arica Wolcott, Kristy Hulbert, Brandy Ritter, Jenny Phillips. The Vikings will play in Regionals this Saturday.

Phillips' serve, then West Branch scored to tie it at 2-2. On Ritter's serve, Grayling scored on a hit out of bounds by Ogemaw and a set by Hulbert to Paxton for a kill.

A set by Sumner to Hulbert to

Paxton ended in a spike to get the ball back for Grayling. The Vikes scored two on Sumner's serve to lead 6-2.

A kill by Phillips and a hit out of bounds by WBOH on Paxton's

serve extended the Viking lead to 8-2. Later, the Vikes took possession on a set by Sumner to Phillips for a spike. Phillips scored an ace on her serve to put GHS up 10-3.

Ogemaw started to fight back,

and eventually tied the match at 12-12, but Grayling rallied to get the momentum back. Paxton put up a good block on West Branch to get

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See "GHS VOLLEYBALL..."

Vikings knock off Bucks

► Grayling defeats Roscommon in District opener to advance to semis

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team got off to a good start in Districts on Monday, defeating the Roscommon Bucks by 25 points to advance to the District semi-finals.

The first quarter of play was an explosion of offense, as the two teams combined for 47 points. Neither defense could contain either offense, as the teams rained in points for the first eight minutes.

Roscommon was on fire from three-point land, hitting their first five attempts. For Grayling, Eli Tobin had three drives to the basket for scores. Dave Hawkins had eight points, and Brad Gorski scored seven to lead the Grayling attack.

A long three-pointer at the first quarter buzzer by Gorski put Grayling up 25-22 going into the second period.

The teams settled down a bit, and Grayling's defense tightened up. Roscommon couldn't get shots to fall, and the Vikings started building a lead. Grayling scored on two jumpers and a triple by Tobin, a three-pointer, a put-back and a tip-in by Hawkins, a free throw by Jeremy Latuszek, and a jump shot by Levi Burkett.

GHS held Rosco to seven points in the period, while scoring 17. The Vikings led 42-29 at halftime. Grayling continued to control the game in the second half. The

Vikings scored third quarter points on a drive by Tobin, four baskets by Hawkins, a triple by Nate Hinkle, a shot in the paint by Latuszek, a lay-up by Brad Wilson, and a put-back by Adam Knapp.

The Vikings had an 18-point edge after three periods, 61-43.

Grayling extended the lead to 25 by the end of the game. Fourth quarter highlights included a jam by Hinkle and three nice drives to the basket by Tobin.

Grayling won 77-25, beating Roscommon for the third time this season.

The GHS high scorer was Hawkins with 23 points. Tobin scored 20, and Hinkle added 12. Ten Vikings in all scored points in the match.

Grayling will play against Petoskey in a District semi-final game on Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. The game will be played at Grayling High School. Tickets are \$4. (Passes are not honored since the District tournament is an MHSAA tournament.)

Last week, the Vikings won both of their games, building some positive momentum heading into Monday night's playoff game.

GHS matched up with Roscommon on Tuesday, February 29, in Grayling.

The Vikings trailed 12-7 early in the first quarter, but Grayling made a couple runs and eventually took the lead. GHS got 11 points from Hinkle in the first quarter. The Vikes also scored on a drive and a long jumper by Tobin, three buckets by Hawkins, and four free throws by Burkett.

Grayling led 21-16 after eight minutes.

GHS scored the first three points of the second quarter to extend the Viking lead to eight, 24-16. Grayling then went more than two minutes without scoring a point, and Roscommon battled back to regain a slight edge, 25-24.

Two free throws by Hinkle and a jumper in traffic by Tobin gave GHS a 28-25 lead. Roscommon scored two buckets to move ahead, then Grayling went on a 10-0 run.

By the end of the half Grayling led by seven, 42-35.

The first half was a physical basketball game, with 25 fouls being called in the first two periods alone.

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See "VIKINGS KNOCK..."



(Above) Grayling guard Eli Tobin drives the lane for a score in Monday night's District game. (Left) Nate Hinkle scores a fast break jam against the Bucks.

JV team finishes season with two wins

► Vikings defeat Bucks and Chargers to wrap up '99-00 season at 11-9

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS JV basketball team won both of its games last week, finishing the season with three straight wins and moving the squad's overall record past .500 to 11-9.

On Tuesday, the Vikings matched up with the Roscommon Bucks in Grayling. After a hard-fought first quarter, the Vikings pulled away and maintained a two-digit lead the rest of the game.

The score was tied 12-12 after one period. Grayling scored points on a free throw by Wes Fox, a put-back by Chet Wheeler, a bucket inside by Larry Baynham, and seven points by R.J. Schmidt.

The Vikings picked up the defense in the second quarter, and really got the offense working. Grayling outscored Rosco 21-11 in the eight minutes. Baynham scored eight points in the quarter, and Schmidt added seven, including a three-pointer.

Grayling continued to pour it on in the second half.

In the third quarter, the Vikings started a 16-0 run at the 4:21 mark to take a 26 point lead. The run

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See "JV TEAM..."

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Three Viking wrestlers to compete at State

► Evon, Niederer
and CdeBaca are
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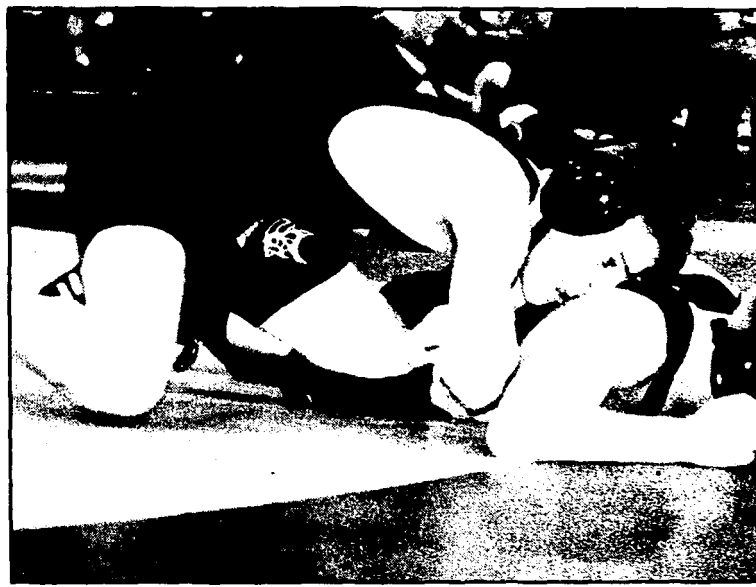
Three Grayling High School
wrestlers will be competing in the
State Wrestling Individual Finals at
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The three, Matt Evon, Victor

CdeBaca and Josh Niederer, quali-
fied for the State Finals by placing
in at least the top four at Individual
Regionals.

Evon took 1st, CdeBaca 2nd, and

Niederer 4th.

This will be Evon's third trip to
State, and CdeBaca's second.
Niederer will be making his first
appearance at the State Finals.



MATT EVON

125-POUND SENIOR

Matt Evon, a senior, holds the
current GHS record for best season
with 55 wins and two losses in
1998-99. He won the team's MVP
award that season, and finished 2nd
in the state in his weight class. He
won 42 matches in a row during his
record-setting '98-99 season.

Matt is a one-time District cham-
pion, a three-time District placer, a
two-time Regional champion, and a
three-time Regional placer. Matt has
placed in the conference four times,
and has won one conference cham-
pionship. He has qualified for State

three times in his
four years of
high school
wrestling.

Matt won his 100th career
wrestling match in February of
1999. He currently has a 150-40
career record at GHS.

He qualified for the State Finals
again this year with a 1st place fin-
ish at Regionals. Matt wrestles in
the 125-pound weight division.

"(Matt is a) great technician and a
smart wrestler," said Coach
Ferguson.



JOSH NIEDERER

130-POUND SENIOR

Josh Niederer, a senior, started
wrestling in middle school under
Coach Bill Bedford. He wrestled in
5th-8th grade, and in his final year
of GHS wrestling, he took 3rd place
in the Middle School State
Tournament for Northern Michigan.
His love for wrestling carried over
into high school.

In his freshman year at GHS, Josh
fluctuated between the 103 and 112
weight classes. He placed in eight
tournaments that season, took a 2nd
in the conference, and he took 3rd in
Districts, qualifying him for
Regionals. He ended the season
with a 30-18 record, and received

the "best fresh-
man" award from
Coach Don
Ferguson.

Josh wrestled at 112 in his sopho-
more season. He posted a 35-12
record, placing in six tournaments
and earning 3rd place in the confer-
ence. He earned the team's "fighting
spirit" award at the end of the year.

Last year, Josh was a tri-captain
on the team. He wrestled at 125,
placing in eight tournaments and
taking 1st in the conference and in
Districts, again qualifying him for
Regionals. Josh reached the 100
career win plateau on February 6 at



Gladwin. He finished his junior sea-
son at 49-10 and won another team
"fighting spirit" award.

This year, as a senior, Josh
remains a team captain. He placed
in nine tournaments, took 1st in the
conference, 3rd at Districts, and
qualified for State with a 4th place
at Regionals. Wrestling in the 130

division, Josh has posted a 41-8
record so far this season. Josh could
break two GHS wrestling records
this season: 157 career wins and 100
career pins.

He currently has 155 career wins
and 99 career pins.

"(Josh is a) very aggressive
wrestler," said Coach Ferguson.



VICTOR CDEBACA

189-POUND JUNIOR

Victor CdeBaca, a GHS junior,
began wrestling in middle school.
He wrestled in 5th-8th grades, win-
ning numerous medals along the
way.

In his freshman year of high
school, Victor learned there is a big
difference between middle school
and high school wrestling. His sea-
son was cut short due to an injury,
after posting a 6-14 record in the
145-pound division.

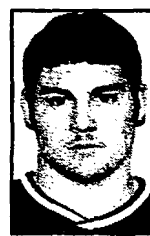
In Victor's sophomore season, he
started at 171 but couldn't win the
starting spot, so he tried to wrestle at
160. He wasn't able to maintain the
lower weight, and decided to go to

189, an open spot
on the team.

He has wes-
tled at 189 ever
since.

He posted a 4-8 record wrestling
in the 160 and 171 weight classes
his sophomore season, but was 24-
17 at 189. He placed in four tourna-
ments, was a District champion, and
qualified for State with a 4th place
finish at Regionals. Victor received
the team's "most improved" award
for '98-99.

Victor set a goal for his junior
year: to qualify for State again, and
place there. He has accomplished



half the goal already with a 2nd
place finish at Regionals this sea-
son, which qualified him for State.

Wrestling at 189, Victor has post-
ed a 46-12 record so far this year. He
placed in seven tournaments this
season, took 1st in the conference,
and took 1st at Individual Districts.

Victor currently has an 80-51

overall record.

With his senior year still ahead of
him, Victor hopes to pass the 100
career win mark, qualify for State
for the third time, and win a State
championship medal.

"Victor is a very strong and deter-
mined wrestler," said Coach
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GHS volleyball team wins District

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GHS the ball. On Ritter's serve, WBOH returned long for a Grayling point, then Ritter finished the game with two aces. The Vikings won 15-12.

Game two was close early, but Grayling pulled away. With the score tied 6-6, Wolcott served an ace. Also on Wolcott's serve, Sumner scored a point on a hit up front. GHS led 8-6.

On Ritter's serve, the Vikings scored three points, two on aces. Grayling scored one on Paxton's serve with a kill by Phillips. On Hulbert's serve GHS got two points to put the score at 14-7, game point. The Vikings finished West Branch with a score on Wolcott's serve, winning the match 15-7 and the series 2-0.

The win earned Grayling a place in the District finals.

In the other semi-final game, Kalkaska played the Harrison Hornets. Harrison dominated the first game, beating the Blazers 15-4. The Hornets led for most of the second game, but Kalkaska put forth a valiant effort to temporarily put off elimination. The scrappy Blazers tied the game at 14-14 after being behind the whole game, but Harrison finally scored the two points they needed, winning the series 2-0.

In the District finals it would be the Harrison Hornets versus the Grayling Vikings.

The first game was close early on,

but Grayling again finished strong. Down by one (6-5), GHS scored three on Paxton's serve, including an ace, to take the lead.

Harrison tied the game at 8-8. On two aces by Wolcott GHS went up 10-8. Later, a hit by Sumner up front regained possession for Grayling. On Ritter's serve, GHS scored on a set by Hulbert to Paxton, another shot by Paxton off a Hulbert set, a tip by Paxton at the net (also on a Hulbert set), and a kill by Sumner.

The four-point run finished the game, as Grayling won 15-8.

Harrison played a better second game, forcing Grayling to really step it up. The Hornets jumped out to a 6-0 lead on the opening possession. Harrison also led by six later in the match 9-3.

Grayling got a few points back, but trailed late in the game 11-7. On Sarah Targino's serve, the Vikings scored on a tap by Phillips and an ace by the server to pull within two, 11-9.

The Hornets scored one, then Grayling tied the game at 12-12 on Wolcott's serve with a spike by Sumner and a kill by Phillips. Harrison scored one to retake the lead.

Grayling regained possession. With Phillips serving, the Vikes tied the game with a block by Sumner.

The Vikings held off the Hornets' next two scoring chances. With Sumner serving the ball, the Vikings moved to game point on a set from Hulbert to Paxton. Paxton then blocked a Harrison shot at the net to seal the game, the series, and the District championship.

The Vikes won 15-13, taking the series 2-0.

Grayling's District Tournament championship earned the Vikings a



Volleyball photos by Caleb Casey
Viking volleyball player Kristy Hulbert hits a set up front in the District tournament this past Saturday.

spot at Regionals.

The Vikings will play Pinconning in the first round of Regionals at Gladwin this Saturday. The match will start at 10 a.m.

Pinconning has won several straight District titles, and finished the season undefeated in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC)

this year at 16-0. Grayling took 2nd in the NEMC with a 13-3 league record.

Grayling's overall record so far this year is 42-11-4.



(Left) Arica Wolcott goes up for a shot at the net. (Above) Brandy Ritter handles a serve from the back row. (Right) Mel Paxton goes up for a spike.



Vikings knock off Bucks

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Grayling kept its single-digit edge throughout the third period. Roscommon did well to keep the game within reach going into the fourth. After three quarters, Grayling led 60-56.

The game was close at that point, but the Vikings rallied for a strong fourth quarter.

Grayling put in a whopping 31

points against the Bucks defense. Grayling played with more intensity on defense with a full court press.

The game continued to be a tough physical battle. Twenty-seven free throws were attempted in the fourth quarter.

The huge offensive burst in the fourth period propelled Grayling past Roscommon 91-78.

Hinkle scored 47 points in the match, tying his own Grayling High School single-game scoring record. Tobin added 17 points, and Hawkins scored 11.

On Friday, March 3, the Vikings played the last regular season game of the year against Saginaw Valley Lutheran. Grayling won 79-63 after a big fourth quarter.

The game was fairly close for three quarters. Grayling led 18-12 after one quarter, then Saginaw outscored GHS 19-14 in the second quarter to cut the Viking lead to one, 32-31.

With 6:21 remaining in the third period, Saginaw tied the game at 36-36 with a three-pointer. Grayling then went on a 16-4 run to take a 12-point lead. The Vikings led by seven at the end of the quarter, 52-45.

Grayling opened the fourth period with seven unanswered points. The Vikings kept up the strong offensive effort, scoring 27 points in the last eight minutes to pull out a 16-point win, 79-63.

Four Vikings reached double digits in scoring: Hinkle hit for 23, Hawkins scored 18, Tobin put in 13, and Gorski scored 10 points. Burkett played one of his best all-around games of the year.



Levi Burkett goes up for a shot inside in the play-off game against Roscommon.



Viking guard Brad Gorski hits a long three-pointer at the first quarter buzzer against Roscommon in Monday's District match.

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Viking skier earns All-State honors

► Ginther places 19th out of 65 in State Finals slalom competition

On Monday, February 28, the top 28 teams and 48 individuals that qualified at Regionals raced in the State Finals at Nubs Nob near Harbor Springs. Thirty schools were represented by skiers ranging from Detroit to the western Upper Peninsula.

The boys team state championship was won by Petoskey, followed by Maple City Glen Lake, Manistee, Suttons Bay, Iron Mountain, Charlevoix, East Grand Rapids, Flint Powers and Fenton. The girls team state meet was won by Harbor Springs, followed by Petoskey, Maple City Glen Lake, Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis, Cranbrook, Benzie Central, Detroit Country Day and Flint Powers.

Matt Ginther was Grayling's only representative at the state meet. He skied very well in slalom, placing 19th out of 65 boys. In giant slalom (GS), Ginther had a great run going but booted out three gates from the finish.

"Booting out is when the skis are up on edge so far the ski boot hits the snow, usually causing a fall," said Coach Mike Wieland.

Ginther climbed up to get through a gate and finished the first run so he was able to take his second run in the race. His second time tied him with the 12th place finisher, helping Ginther to earn All-State recognition.

The State Ski Coaches Association picks three teams and an honorable mention squad according to finishing positions at Regionals and the State Finals.

Ginther's slalom finishes and second GS run, along with his strong finishes in a very tough Regional meet earned him an Honorable Mention Team berth.

"With the three teams from our Regional placing 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the State Finals, Matt's Regional results were important, as many of our Regional boys dominated the medals podium," said Coach Wieland.

The GHS ski team will hold its annual ski banquet at Hanson Hills on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.



GHS skier Matt Ginther (above and left), Grayling's top racer this year, earned a trip to the State Finals and received All-State Honorable Mention this season.

JV team finishes season with 2 wins

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included a free throw by Mike Hale, two shots inside by Baynham, a move to the basket by Fox, a free throw and an inside shot by Nate Frankina, two lay-ups by Scott Latusek, and a take-to-the-hole by Schmidt.

Grayling held Roscommon scoreless for almost four minutes. The Vikings led by 26 going into the fourth quarter, 58-32.

The Bucks gained some ground in the fourth, but not enough. Grayling won 64-50.

"We played a very good team game," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We played tough and with intensity, and with a purpose."

Schmidt, who played a great game all-around, was the Viking high scorer with 22 points. Baynham scored 14, and Dan Mead added nine.

On Friday, Grayling beat Saginaw Valley Lutheran 77-73 at GHS. The Vikings had a sizeable lead for most of the game, but a late run by Saginaw resulted in a close score.

The first quarter was evenly contested, with Grayling having the slight edge at 19-16 after the opening eight minutes.

The Vikings got points from two jumpers and a three-point play by Baynham, a drive by Schmidt, two jumpers and an inside shot by Fox,

and two jump shots by Ryan Swope.

Grayling opened the second quarter with an 11-point run, which included two shots in the paint by Mead, a move to the basket by Fox, and five points by Schmidt (a drive and a three-pointer).

Saginaw got a couple back but GHS kept its big lead. Schmidt added two more triples toward the end of the quarter to help give Grayling a 43-24 lead by halftime.

The third quarter was even, and Grayling kept a 19-point edge. The Vikes led 65-46 after three quarters of play.

Saginaw played a much more aggressive game on defense in the fourth, and managed to gain some offensive momentum. SVL outscored Grayling 25-12 in the quarter and got the score close towards the end of the game, but the Vikings weren't really in danger of losing. Time ran out on the Chargers, and Grayling won 77-73.

"We ended the season on a three-game win streak. The kids played a great first half, and with poise in the second," said Coach Hayes. "We finished the season strong, with good effort and hard work."

The GHS high scorer in the Saginaw game was Schmidt with 29 points. Fox scored 12, Mead put in 10, and Baynham added nine points.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings		Plaza	
Sawmill II	161		74 - 70
Spikes	151	Margretheville II	73 - 71
Frederic Inn	131	Frederic Inn	68 - 76
Swamp	121	Gray Rock	65 - 79
Plaza	118	Legion	61 - 65
Sawmill I	108	Saw Mill	53 - 73
Legion	107	8 Ball Run: Jim and John of	
5 Ball Runs: M.J. of Sawmill I;		Margretheville I.	
Denise of Spikes.		7 Ball Run: Jason of	
Men's Standings		Margretheville II.	
Margretheville I	92 - 52	6 Ball Run: Scott of Frederic Inn;	
		Jim of Margretheville II.	

GMS WRESTLING

On Saturday, March 4, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team traveled to the Meridian Invitational. The team continued a very successful season with 13 of 15 wrestlers placing in the top four of their weight classes. Placing for Grayling were: 1st: Darryl Babbitt, Greg Warren, Mike Gassman, Zak Wegner; 2nd: Joe Ferrigan, Brady Ward, Adam Malone, Dusty

Partello; 3rd: Justin Robinson, Aaron Rosecrans, Jesse Mooneyham, Sam Crowell. 4th: Jesse CdeBaca, Brian Borchers and first-year wrestler James Walker wrestled very hard but finished out of the top four.

The GMS wrestling squad will travel to Charlevoix on March 11. Wrestling starts at 10 a.m. Come out and support the team.

GRA YOUTH WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) youth wrestling team competed at the Meridian tournament on Saturday, March 4. Twelve of Grayling's 18 wrestlers finished in the top three in their divisions, earning medals: 1st place: Tyler Hanson, Mykel Revord, Corey

Metzer; 2nd place: Daniel CdeBaca, Keith Revord, Jeff Harwood, Cody Malone, Stephen Grove, Shane Grove, Zach Wolcott; 3rd place: Eric Madill, Josh (Cody) Malone.

The team will be competing in the Charlevoix Invitational on Saturday, March 11.

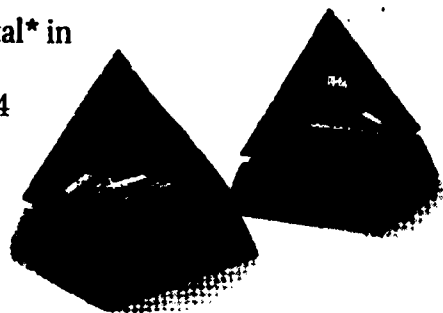
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American Men's
 Forrest Brothers..... 45 - 18
 Moore's Automotive..... 38 - 25
 Stake-Out Steak House..... 38 - 25
 Helsel Forest Products..... 32 - 31
 Fenton's Auto Service..... 31 - 32
 McLeans ACE..... 26 - 37
 CSI Ind. Systems..... 23 - 40
 Upper Lakes Tire..... 19 - 44
 High Game: Lar. Davis, 257; G. Fenton, 224; P. Hetrick, 223.
 High Series: Lar. Davis 673; S. Peterson, 607; D. Henning, 580.

Friday Mixed Doubles
 Aunt Bettys..... 22.5 - 13.5
 Sledheads of Frederic..... 21 - 15
 Charlies Country Corner..... 21 - 15
 R. Calkins & Sons..... 18 - 18
 Fick & Sons..... 14 - 22
 Moshier Auto Repair..... 11.5 - 24.5
 High Game Men: J. Campbell, 203; R. Calkins, 195; D. Wallace, 192.
 High Series Men: B. Trudeau, 522; R. Calkins, 519; D. Wallace, 513.
 High Game Women: S. Barber, 203; K. Moshier, 183; S. Sumner, 182.
 High Series Women: S. Sumner, 517; D. Medina, 496; S. Barber, 487.

National First
 Faustman's Insurance..... 49 - 14
 Forest Brothers..... 38 - 25
 Swamp II..... 34 - 29
 Northern WhiteTail..... 29 - 34
 Hellebuyck Masonry..... 29 - 34
 Guns & Grubs..... 25 - 38
 Century 21..... 24.5 - 38.5
 Grayling Ford..... 23.5 - 39.5
 High Game: J. Thayer, 237; P. Miller, 214; T. Kotrash, 209.
 High Series: D. Canfield, 597; J. Thayer, 587; P. Miller, 576.

Northwood
 Shady Acres Party Store..... 24 - 8
 R. Calkins & Sons..... 21 - 11
 Rochettes..... 20 - 12
 American Legion..... 19 - 13

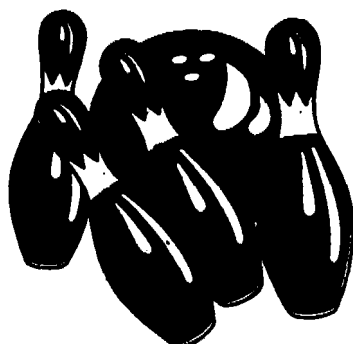
Pro Tree..... 16 - 16
R & M Masonry..... 11 - 21
Darrell's Roofing..... 10 - 22
Red Barn..... 7 - 25
 High Game: L. Dannenberg, 210; B. Lifford, 203; M. Starks, 190.
 High Series: L. Dannenberg, 540; S. Romain, 528; B. Lifford, 525.

Pioneer
 Chemical Bank..... 25 - 7
 Ginger's..... 20 - 12
 Custom Interior..... 19 - 13
 Aunt Betty's..... 18 - 14
 Millikins..... 12 - 20
 Lady Slippers..... 12 - 20
 Avalanche..... 12 - 20
 Lucky Strikers..... 10 - 22
 High Game: V. Westover, 230; C. Jones, 211; C. Brannan, 187.
 High Series: V. Westover, 568; C. Jones, 503; S. Sumner, 495.

Recreation
 Mark 8..... 21 - 11
 Tri★County Meats..... 20 - 12
 Mickey Perez CPA..... 19 - 13
 Glen's Market..... 18 - 14
 Scheer Motors..... 16 - 16
 Gray Rock Café..... 13.5 - 18.5
 Peterson Saw Service..... 11 - 21
 Cornell..... 9.5 - 22.5
 High Game: S. Sumner, 217; P. Terry, 208; M. Starks, 204.
 High Series: P. Terry, 547; M. Starks, 531; C. Mead, 501.

Senior
 Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us..... 63 - 33
 Sylvester's Sports..... 56 - 40
 Friends & Co..... 51.5 - 44.5
 Baynham Wood Prod..... 48.5 - 47.5
 Tri★County Meats..... 45.5 - 50.5
 Buccillis Pizza..... 43 - 53
 Flowers By Josie..... 38.5 - 57.5
 Cornell Realty..... 38 - 58
 High Game Men: D. Germain, 197; K. Harris, 196; G. Wolfe, 193.
 High Series Men: K. Harris, 540; G. Wolfe, 529; P. Hetrick, 528.

High Game Women: V. Westover, 192; V. Westover, 190; V. Westover, 171.
High Series Women: V. Westover, 553; D. Brantley, 465; D. Hall, 457.
Sunday Night Mixed
 Wakeley's Auto Parts..... 30.5 - 17.5
 Sylvester's..... 29.5 - 18.5
 McDonald's of Gaylord #2..... 21 - 27
 Waste Management..... 28 - 20
 Custom Interior..... 24.5 - 23.5
 McDonald's of Gaylord #2..... 21 - 27
 R & M Masonry..... 18 - 30
 Citgo..... 12 - 36
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 202; R. Hinds, 192; D. Romain, 186.
High Series Men: D. Romain, 525; R. Hinds, 508; J. Helsel, 501.
High Game Women: S. Romain, 235; D. Elekonich, 208; K. Trudeau, 202.
High Series Women: S. Romain, 640; D. Elekonich, 538; M. Starks, 519.



Triangle
 Gray Rock Café..... 28 - 16
 Tri★County Meats..... 26 - 18
 Moshier Auto..... 25.5 - 18.5
 McDonald's..... 25.5 - 18.5
 Johnson..... 18 - 26
 High Game: T. Coors, 221; T. Everly, 200; T. Williams, 193.
 High Series: M. Sumner, 539; T. Coors, 529; T. Everly, 482.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

END OF SEASON RESULTS:
 Round #2/Game #1 Sawmill 70 - Holiday Inn 47
 Sawmill - Dent 26, Doremire 11, Maxom 10, Burrell 10.
 Holiday Inn - Maples 17, Mead 12.
 Round #2/Game #2 Lange Vending 65 - Thermogas 60
 Lange's - Beckwith 21, Longendyke 20.
 Thermogas - Williams 26, Mann 12.
 Consolation Game Thermogas 79 - Holiday Inn 47
 Thermogas - Williams 29, Mann 22.
 Holiday Inn - Mead 15, Hamlin 13.
 Championship Game Lange

Vending 77 - Sawmill 74 OT
 Lange's - Beckwith 39, Flowers, 13.
 Sawmill - Kirk 26, Maxom 17, Dent 15.
Season Final Standings
 Sawmill..... 13 - 2
 Lange Vending..... 13 - 2
 Thermogas..... 11 - 4
 Holiday Inn..... 7 - 8
 Spike's..... 5 - 8
 Margretheville..... 4 - 9
 Glen's Market..... 2 - 11
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Hanging Up - PG-13 (99)
 Starring - Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton & Lisa Kudrow
 • 9 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 4

The Whole Nine Yards - R (99)
 Starring - Bruce Willis & Matthew Perry
 • 7:15 & 9:15 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

Wonder Boys - R (119)
 Starring - Michael Douglas & Tobey Maguire
 • 7 & 9:15 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15

My Dog Skip - PG (95)
 Starring - Kevin Bacon & Diane Lane
 • 7 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2

What Planet Are You From - R (105)
 Starring - Gary Shandling
 • 9 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 4

Mission To Mars - PG (113)
 Starring - Gary Sinise
 • 7 & 9:15 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15

Tiger Movie - G
 Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

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 • Tuesday Senior Matinee \$2 • Matinees • All Seats \$4

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 14th day of February 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Palmer, Banda, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Terry McGregor, City Treasurer, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Skip Madsen, Gail Madsen, Karl Schreiner, Larry Hunter, Caleb Casey, Carolyn DiPonio, Mo McNamara, Michele Butzin, Bob Butzin, Dave Frederick, Dennis Long, Kathy Bourrie, Dave Sabin, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Wayne Koppa.

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Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes 5: Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Grayling Police Department January 2000 report.

b. Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of January 11, 2000.

c. M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin

d. Michigan Liquor Control Notice regarding Clark's request for SDM license. No action needed.

Old Business.

a. Credit cards for City.

00-18

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to approve a city credit card to be used for meetings and out of town expenses. Ayes 5: Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Police Chief Schreiner regarding City Police Car and a 5th Patrolman. Chief Schreiner spoke to Council regarding his concerns. He did tell Council that he didn't need a new Police Car this year but would

like to hire a 5th patrolman and gave Council reasons why he thinks a 5th patrolman is necessary. After much discussion it was decided to table until the next meeting.

c. Resolution regarding City Residency.

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Moved by Banda, supported by Brown to accept Resolution presented by City Attorney Sabin reference, City Residency. Ayes 5: Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Computer Proposals. Web-site could be put in next years budget. The City Treasurer feels that networking should be done as soon as possible and a computer for the City Manager should be purchased.

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Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to purchase a computer for the City Manager, not to exceed \$1,600. There is money in the current budget under line item finance and accounting. Ayes 5: Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

M.M.L. has an Internet program that has some good possibilities. We also need to wait for a second bid on networking so we have some comparisons. Council decided to table this for the next meeting as they will have more information.

New Business.

a. Gail Madsen regarding a Streetscape project for the City. Gail Madsen presented to Council a street enhancement program for I-75 BL. This would be a major project and would be a long range commitment. She needs the involvement and commitment from the City Council for input and to attend the meetings.

After much discussion with Council and citizens present Mayor Palmer appointed City Manager Lowe to attend these meetings and report back to Council as this is a very important project for the community.

b. The floor at the city garage needs to be painted. Council thinks this should be done as it is a small expense.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Kathy Bourrie thanked Council for attending to the problem of snow removal at the corner of the Antique Shop and Michigan Avenue.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Attended IDC meeting at the Chamber. A transfer of 45 acres was approved to the Grayling Co-Generating Station at 4 Mile Road. This could turn out to be a real industrial development area.

b. CIA Meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for the 21st of February at the Court House at 7 p.m.

c. DPW garage roof. Mr. Wyman informed Council that we have received one bid on the roof and are waiting for one more bid.

d. County money for re-cycling. County is giving money for a county wide re-cycling, city could be eligible when current contract with Waste Management has ended. Much discussion was held regarding the city's portion of this money and why we are not receiving it. Mr. Long spoke to Council regarding the spending of the money and the fact that the city should be receiving their share of this extra money that is distributed. Should contact our County Commissioner to see what is being done and have the City Attorney get information regarding this project.

e. The City Manager spoke to Council about getting a Sam's Club membership for \$30 as they carry a lot of computer supplies and it would benefit the city. Council tabled until the next meeting.

f. The Kiwanis have an 8x8 play house that they will be traveling around the county with. Would like to display on city property. Two things should be done, a letter from the insurance carrier and to work with the police department and then Council could see no objections.

g. Memo to City Employees. The City Treasurer can track sick and vacation days in hours and would be of benefit to the employees. Letter of understanding would need to be signed by Council for Union Steward. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

h. Bids for Zoning. Use county building and zoning, go with City Manager to review site plan. Applications to start a Zoning Board, the Zoning Board could do zoning ordinances, this needs to be discussed further.

WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, February 25, 2000 at 6:00 a.m. the Road Commission for Crawford County has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County Line to County Line
 612: Old 27 East to I-75
 Four Mile Road: I-75 to Railroad Crossing
 Sherman Road: North County Line to landfill

Frost law restricted roads are signed and frost laws are being enforced.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
 For: Thomas Perry, Chairman
 John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
 Kenneth Riehle, Commissioner

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The City Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on March 7, 2000 at the new location on M-72 West at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will meet with taxpayers to review assessments and taxable values in the Crawford County Building at the West end of Michigan Avenue on the following dates:

Monday, March 13, 2000 9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday, March 18, 2000 9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property within the City of Grayling:

Class	Factor	Multiplier
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000
Utilities	50.00	1.00000

Larry D. Hunter
 City Assessor
 City of Grayling

-24-2-16

NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

**** Residents and Non-Residents may protest in Writing ****

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48853, on the following dates:
 Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.
 To hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 13, 2000; 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 14, 2000, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72 (2A)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk
 P.O. Box 606
 5245 N. M-18
 Roscommon, MI 48853
 (517) 275-8232

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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST																											
	NW 1/4 OF SEC. 8, T26N, R22W FOR POB TH W 138 FT., TH S 155 FT. TH E 138 FT., TH N 155 FT. TO POB.	1997	609.30	213	20-040-008-05-200-00	1997	294.82	214	20-040-008-07-140-00	1997	232.85	215	20-040-008-08-145-00	1997	119.66	216	20-040-008-11-120-00	1997	371.96	217	20-040-008-01-070-00	1997	270.56	218	20-040-008-05-080-00	1997	591.25
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 3 WEST																											
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																											
	NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 8-T H 266 FT FOR POB TH W 200 FT-T H 300 FT-T H 2 E 200 FT-T H 300 FT TO POB. 1.25 A SEC 8 T26N R22W	1997	537.63	225	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	226	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	227	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	228	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	229	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	230	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 5 WEST																											
	NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 8-T H 266 FT FOR POB TH W 200 FT-T H 300 FT-T H 2 E 200 FT-T H 300 FT TO POB. 1.25 A SEC 8 T26N R22W	1997	537.63	231	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	232	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	233	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	234	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	235	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62	236	20-040-010-015-010-00	1997	377.62
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 27 WEST																											
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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting February 14, 2000

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held February 14 and called to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak and Hartman. Summers arrived at 7:30 p.m. There were three guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings. Seconded and carried.

Motion and seconded to list "For Sale" our present township hall building with ReMax for six months. Ayes: 4, nays: 0, motion carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, Fire Department and Planning Commission.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing on the Nolan Road Special Assessment District. Motion by Mobarak to adopt a resolution which confirmed the assessment roll for Nolan Road with payments spread over 4 years beginning December 2000. Seconded by Balmes. Motion carried. Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

There were 11 pieces of correspondence accepted.

Old Business:

1. It was suggested that the Board hold a special meeting regarding Picnic 2000.

2. Road Policy/Street Lights Policy - review next meeting.

3. Higgins Lake Advisory Board Report given by Mobarak.

4. Motion by Riley to appoint Gary Parkinson to the Board of Review, replacing Mike Pung. Seconded and carried.

5. Motion by Mobarak to approve the proposed "Road Load Limit Ordinance, No. 19." Supported and carried. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the regulation of weight limits on truck and commercial vehicles over certain township roads to restrict the running of such traffic from and to a gravel mining operation on 7 Mile Road to designated roads, streets and highways under the jurisdiction of Beaver Creek Township.

New Business:

1. There will be a special meeting on Monday 2/21/00 to discuss various township plans: future plans, new office and the move, picnic, etc. The meeting is @ 1p.m. at Skyline.

2. Motion to hold three clean up days this summer: June 10th, July 15th and September 16th. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion to adapt new figures for use as Hardship Guidelines for the coming year according to the list presented. Seconded and carried.

4. Motion by Mobarak to pay Accounts Payable bills. Seconded by Balmes. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain First Mortgage made by JAMES K. GORDON and JESSIE L. GORDON, husband and wife, whose address is 2285 East Pioneer Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated November 21, 1984 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on November 21, 1984 in Liber 230 of Crawford County Records on Pages 410 through 413, inclusive, such Mortgage being given to secure a loan to such Borrower on said date owing to the Government concerning the real estate hereafter described, and default also having been made in the conditions of a Second Mortgage made by JAMES K. GORDON and JESSIE L. GORDON, husband and wife, to USDA, Farmers Home Administration, the Mortgagee, dated November 21, 1984 and recorded February 20, 1985 in Liber 233 of Crawford County Records on Pages 40 through 43, inclusive, such Mortgage being given to secure the prior loan as above-described and to secure an additional loan to such Borrowers on said date, being an assumption of a prior loan concerning the property described hereafter, and said Borrowers having subsequently entered into certain reamortization agreements with regard to each debt dated March 24, 1992, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest for both the First Mortgage and Second Mortgage, the total sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 19/100 (\$58,747.19) DOLLARS (consisting of \$30,709.43 in principal and interest on the First Mortgage and \$28,037.76 in principal and interest on the Second Mortgage), and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit

Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 12, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgages together with 11.875 percent interest on the First Mortgage and 8.0 percent interest on the Second Mortgage, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, having a corrected legal description as follows:
The West 99 feet of the East 198 feet of the West half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 2 West. (Also commonly known as 2285 East Pioneer Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: February 28, 2000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by WOODROW S. LAFFERTY and TINA M. LAFFERTY, husband and wife, whose address is 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1986 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 15, 1986 in Liber 248 of Crawford County Records on Pages 326 through 329, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 46/100 (\$78,434.46) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday March 29, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot #23, Block 5, Grayling Park Plat, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Hoag, a single woman, Mortgagor to Associates Housing Finance, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1999 and recorded on March 16, 1999 in Liber 477 on page 39, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to N/A by an assignment dated N/A and recorded on N/A in Liber N/A on page N/A County Records, Michigan, N/A on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Eighty-Seven and 14/100 Dollars (\$79,087.14) including interest at 9.50 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on March 22, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel C; That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence S00°17'37"E, along the East line of said Section and centerline of Leline Road, 632.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S 00°17'37"E, along said Section line and said centerline, 347.30 feet; thence N89°17'45"W, 1328.15 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence N00°20'25"W, along said 1/8 line, 221.14 feet to the centerline of Hickey Creek Road; thence N84°32'05"E, along said centerline, 141.05 feet; thence N55°33'57"E, along said centerline, 192.83 feet; thence S89°17'45"E, 1028.21 feet to the point of beginning, and all improvements thereon, including a 1999 Dutch-Duchess Limited 28 x 64 Manufactured Housing Unit, Vehicle Identification No. 22752E.

Tax Number: 20-062-027-001-020
Property Address: 10192 Leline Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 28, 2000
Associates Housing Finance, LLC
P.O. Box 32965
Knoxville, TN 37930-2965 - Mortgagee
Richard A. Green - Attorney
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444
Bingham Farms, Michigan, 48025
(248) 540-7665

-10-17-24-2-9

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on March 7, 2000 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with petitioners on the following dates:

Monday, March 13, 2000 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, 2000 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612. The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

Classification	Factor	Ratio
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Timber/Cut Over	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Brian Hulbert
Frederic Township Supervisor

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 30, 2000 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit
Corrugated Plastic Pipe
Corrugated Metal Pipe
Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
Pavement Striping

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Tom Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS.

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2000-2001 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on March 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting March 25, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Laura Smith, Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232.

Notice South Branch Township

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.
2. Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 11, 2000	May 9, 2000	June 13, 2000
July 11, 2000	August 8, 2000	September 12, 2000
October 10, 2000	November 14, 2000	December 12, 2000
January 9, 2001	February 13, 2001	March 13, 2001

Annual Meeting: March 31, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2000-2001 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2000 are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

** South Branch Township will be taking applications for all job openings that might occur. Please feel free to call the office at (517) 275-8232 and ask for Laura and/or Dee.**

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Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

IF YOUR 1997 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 2, 2000 TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 1, 2000, by 4:30 pm.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 12-18

Aries March 21-April 20

It's time to make more of an effort to manage your time wisely. Set up priorities and follow through on them. Don't be surprised if someone who is interested in you romantically starts to make some dramatic gestures toward you.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Your feelings of loneliness will bring you down. Take time out from your old routine and break free of the loneliness. New ideas in healthy living may bring you relief from your emotional stress. Incorporate exercise into your day.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Reviving old friendships may bring joy, satisfaction and sorrow in the coming months. Weigh your decisions about these old friends carefully. Be prepared for anything. You may see that the numbers eight and nine work for you.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Strong personal relationships may create new and better opportunities for you. Don't let your "I know" attitude cause problems at work. The wrong attitude could offend someone in authority, and you don't want to rock the boat now.

Leo July 23-August 23

Let your good sense of humor lead the way with relationships. Although usually not the case, Monday may end up being a great day for you. The numbers five and nine should have a big influence on your life in the next month.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Recent changes in your lifestyle prove to be a strong positive influence. An investment opportunity may be good for you. But don't take anything for granted, especially the word of someone you have always considered a good friend.

Libra September 23-October 23

Don't let a wonderful talent you have die. It's an outlet for your creativity, and you need the continuing challenge and joy it provides to help you face some tough times. The color purple will begin to dominate your life and ideas.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Someone at work will get very demanding midweek. There is an outside force influencing the game, and it shouldn't be taken so personally. Plan something fun this weekend for a special friend visiting from out of town.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

Your optimistic attitude will help get you and coworkers through some unsettling times in the next few months. It's time to open your mind to new ideas. After all, a relative's idea could result in great things for your extended family.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

You have a natural flair for hosting fun-filled events, so spring into the season with a party for friends and relatives. Be careful not to leave a pivotal person off your guest list. Your ideas could be promising for a close friend.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Are you ready for the unexpected? You need to be on the alert. Don't try to bluff your way through a sticky situation at work. It will end up coming back on you! And it could hurt the reputation you've worked so hard to establish.

Pisces February 19-March 20

If your plans with a special friend fall through, don't be too surprised. You'll find out you're not the top priority in his/her life you thought you were. Someone new has come between you and is intent on staying there.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar & Jalapeno Magic Biscuit Bites

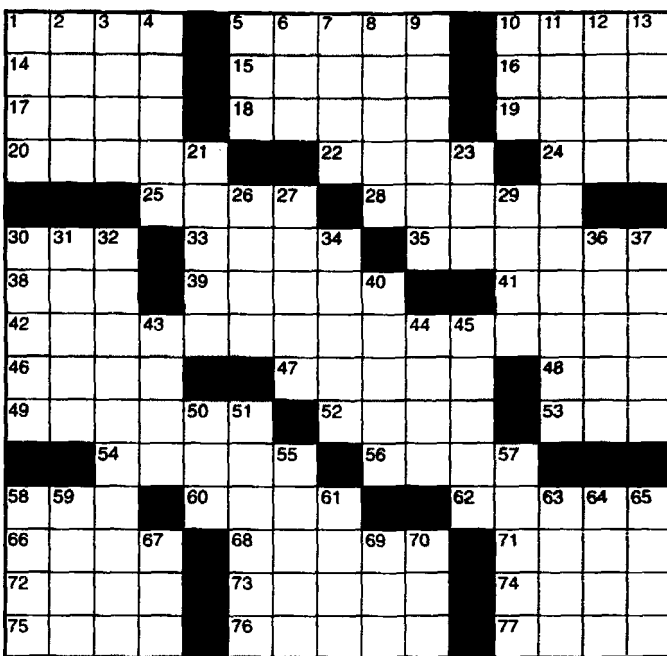
2 1/4 cups all purpose biscuit mix
1 can (15.5 oz) chili starter
1/4 cup milk
1/3 cup drained and chopped jalapenos
2 cups (8 oz. package) shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup melted butter, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine biscuit mix, chili starter, milk jalapenos and cheddar cheese. Stir until combined. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto baking sheets sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake 12-14 minutes or until tops begin to brown. Brush tops of warm biscuits with butter if desired. Serve warm or cooled.



HOME NEEDED - Blue is a 1 1/2 yr. old male Australian Shepherd mix. Very gentle, friendly and housebroken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Move slowly
- Relish
- October gemstone
- "Whatever" Wants
- Holmes's street
- Museo offering
- Make hermetic
- Golfers concern
- Disintegrates
- Mayflower Compact signer
- Getz of jazz
- More, to Duran
- Row of stitches
- Interrupt a silent night
- Fond treatment: abbr.
- Mucho
- They're still Rolling
- Pleased cry
- Worked at diligently
- Seafarer
- Picnicker's entertainment
- Creator of Perry and Della
- Pentateuch scroll
- Carinae (seventh-magnitude star)
- Merchant
- Antimissile missile
- Dead against
- Logan and Raines

- Father of Enos
- Relative
- Scratcher's target
- Inebriated
- Skittish
- Squirrel
- Words of warning to a tot
- CSA's Robert
- Gaffe
- Sullen
- Clytemnestra's mother
- Sounding like a woodwind
- Egg on

DOWN

- She asked Sam to play it again
- Holiday song
- Out of one's birthday suit
- Drags
- Shavian monogram
- Detroit labor gp.
- Slender runners
- Shelters for sleeping bags
- Keyboard instruments
- Rowing device
- Square-dance marches
- Way to go!
- Not as much
- Certain tides
- "It's ___ for Me to Say"
- "___ Ever Need Is You" (2 wds.)
- Clammy
- Revolutionary Luxembourg
- Lugs
- "M" actor
- Threw down the gauntlet
- Wyoming peak
- Monaco habitues, perhaps
- Summer emine
- Golden Notebook author Lessing
- Singer Carter
- Womanizer
- Butler at Tara
- Yale Bowl regular
- "I'd ___ be in Philadelphia" (W.C. Fields)
- 20 years
- Caste member, often
- Place for ballast
- Otiose
- Race loser in a fable
- ___ as a church mouse
- A little too tight
- Ancient times
- Supportive voice vote
- Hoodlum's "heater"
- Wipe

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 10, 1977

Robert Kelly, Vice President of Bear Archery has given strong indications that the local industry will be definitely leaving here; driven out by the poor Michigan business climate. He stated that state taxes would be less and there would be no income tax. He also admitted there would be substantial labor savings in moving south. The company might move 30-40 families of the salaried administrative employees. All other employees would have to pay their own expenses to follow the company if it moved.

Locomotive Number 466 of the Detroit and Mackinaw Railway Co. limped into Grayling Monday night after colliding head on with a brine tanker, followed by a derailment at the crossing at Old Millikin Road shortly after. The train was making its first trip north to deliver material to the U.S. Plywood Company in Grayling. There were no injuries in either incident.

Fred Bear, president of Bear Archery and legendary bowhunter and conservationist was featured this past weekend in "Ripley's Believe It or Not" entertainment feature. He was shown with the elephant he downed in Africa and the explanation read. "Fred Bear of Grayling, Michigan, has bagged 125 Big-Game Animals - including elephants, a white bear and a lion - with Bow and Arrow."

A large crowd is expected to turn out for the public hearing on the proposed \$7 million sewer project for the City of Grayling and the Township of Grayling. The city proposal will eliminate up to 90% of all extraneous surface and ground water presently entering the system and will eliminate the possibility of overflows into the AuSable River.

The White Pine Stampede Committee reported that the first race was a success and attracted attention in Lansing. Consequently, there is a possibility of a large grant to help fund the race next year.

46 Years Ago March 11, 1954

The as yet undefeated Grayling Vikings stretched their victory string to 19 straight as they won the District 67 championship Saturday night from the Gaylord Blue Devils, 62 to 45. This is Grayling's first District crown in ten years.

Smiggen's Diggins, local tavern has a pair of new owners as of Tuesday of this week as the license transfer from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission was received Monday afternoon. Philip Payment and Frank Terlesky, both of Detroit bought the tavern and are in the process of moving to Grayling.

The Grayling Bowhunters clinched first place in the Northern Michigan Archery League at a shoot held here Sunday at the Grayling High School gym.

Poachers beware! Conservation officers in Roscommon used a comparison microscope to check ballistics of two shell casings involved in a recent deer poaching. The shells were seen to be alike and the evidence was used in court to help law officers end illegal activities of the poacher.

State Representative Emil Peltz of the Presque Isle District, which includes Crawford County, announced today that he would seek re-election to his post in the coming Primary Election.

Derek McEvers, Bob Luter and Bill Kinkenter, college students, spent the weekend at their respective homes this weekend.

69 Years Ago March 12, 1931

After behaving like a lamb since March was ushered in, Old Man Winter took charge, Saturday night. The storm started, then did not let up until Tuesday morning, and no doubt was Michigan's worst storm of the winter. It is estimated 18 inches of snow fell in Grayling.

County Clerk Axel M. Peterson, cut his left hand while splitting kindling with a hatchet.

The desire of the people of Eastern Michigan to have the Conservation Department retain the fish hatchery in Grayling is so general and the sentiment so much in favor, that there has been almost a stampede of protest against its abandonment.

The afternoon bus and a state snow plow sideswiped each other while passing on the highway on the outskirts of Grayling, forcing the bus back to the Schoonover garage in Grayling for repairs.

92 Years Ago March 12, 1908

The first thunderstorm of the year came Friday morning, a sweet harbinger of spring. The soft weather of last week frightened our lumbermen, especially those operating in the swamps. The temperature ranged during the weekend between 35 and 45 degrees above, but Monday morning went down to 10 degrees below zero.

Engineer Mutton has had the misfortune of a broken arm by the kick of a reverse lever on his engine.

The annual sleighride party of the High school was held Wednesday afternoon. However one of the sleighs was gloriously outdistancing the others, when with a mighty crash and amid screams and tears the crowd was deposited amid banks of snow. With no serious results, the crowd arrived at their destination, the John Failing farm home.

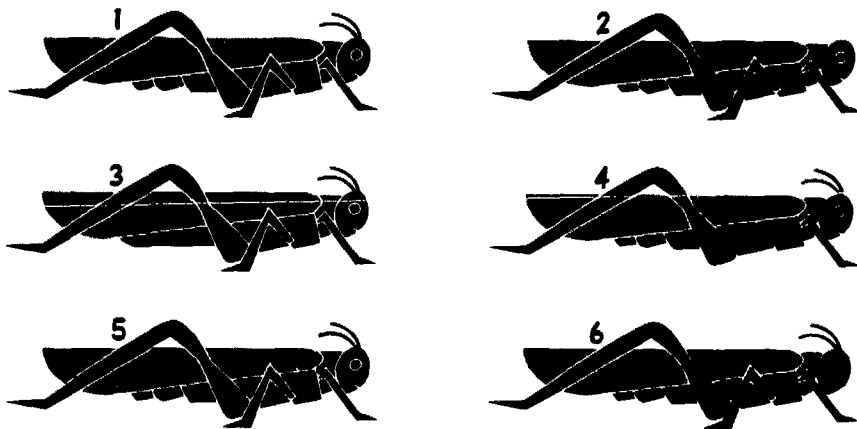
City election Day Monday, the lid must have been on as there was not an arrest for drunkenness or assault, and the entire ticket (there was but one) was elected. 26 votes were polled out of over 400. "Truly it is pleasant to dwell together in unity."

During the thaw last week our citizens should have been ashamed at the condition of Michigan Avenue in front of the business blocks. Water and slush from 6 to 18 inches deep with no sewer connections to carry it off. It is hoped the new Council will get a move on early and cover this disgrace to the Village.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER ONE AND FIVE



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Rain
2/29	56	31	0.08"
3/1	43	26	0.03"
3/2	37	16	
3/3	46	19	
3/4	51	19	
3/5	53	21	
3/6	60	44	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - Partly sunny and warm with a high in the low 70's. Thursday - overcast with heavy rain, a low in the mid 20's and a high near 50. Friday - cloudy with a chance of snow flurries, a low near 20 and a high in the upper 30's. Saturday - cloudy with a chance of snow flurries, a low in the mid 20's and a high in the upper 30's.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
 Classified by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing
 www.townnews.com/avalanche/
 Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER Cute, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,200 sq. ft. home on large corner lot, south of Frederic on U.S. 27 N close to river and snowmobile trails. State land within walking distance. Two car garage detached garage. \$68,900 Land Contract terms available. 517-348-2127 after 6 p.m. please. (-9-16/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

I BUY HOUSE and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99tf/1)

AUSABLE RIVER Front lot, main middle branch. Call 740-797-2801. (LR3/23/00/1)

TWO-THREE BEDROOM 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000 By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000 Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

ONE ACRE WOODED on black-top Manistee River Rd. 1-231-258-7820 (-2-9/1)

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-9-16-23-30/1)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT HOUSE two or three bedroom unfurnished, one bath. Laundry hook-up, cable ready. References plus utilities. \$425 first and last plus \$400 security. 517-348-8466 (3/2/00tf/2)

FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$375 month plus security. 734-459-6641 (-24-2-9/2)

NEW TWO BEDROOM RENTAL with range, refrigerator, garage, washer and dryer. First months rent plus deposit, no animals. 517-348-4650 (-24-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four. call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call the Crawford County Avalanche at (517) 348-6811.

2. For Rent

BUSINESS SPACE FOR LEASE Immediate occupancy. 941-235-1277 (3/9/00tf/2)

2. For Rent

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find that first car. (517) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

Crawford County Courthouse
Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 10 am

Address: 3095 Poplar Ave. • Grayling, MI 49738
Minimum Bid: \$31,287 • 4 bedrooms, 1 bath
Redemption Period: six (6) months

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.
 Equal Housing Opportunity

For information contact Rural Development at:

USDA Rural Development
 240 W. Wright St.
 West Branch, MI 48661

(517) 345-5470 • Fax: (517) 345-4010

REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

Crawford County Courthouse
Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 10 am

Address: 356 Red Tailed Hawk Loop • Grayling, MI 49738
Minimum Bid: \$57,895 + \$1.00 • 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
Redemption Period: six (6) months

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.
 Equal Housing Opportunity

For information contact Rural Development at:

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 West Branch, MI 48661

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GREAT LOCATION. Affordable 4 bedroom home located near Higgins Lake. Amenities include: 2 car drive under garage, family room, fireplace, electronic invisible fence, new hot water boiler in 1999. Home needs some finish work. \$93,900 MLS# 453



LARGE FAMILY HOME SITUATED ON 10 ACRES. Amenities include 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, deck, appliances, close access to AuSable River and snowmobile trails. State land located across the road. \$105,000 MLS# 9-4235



NEW CONSTRUCTION and great location with this new home is situated in the woods, close to state land, the AuSable River, lakes and snowmobile trails. Amenities include 2 bedrooms, 4" well, 200 amp service, 1250 gallon septic, 8x12 deck. \$54,900 MLS# 9-1188



UP NORTH GET-AWAY. This 2 bedroom cabin has a bath, storage shed w/garage door, and is located near Higgins Lake. Perfect location for snowmobilers or up-north get-away. \$29,900 MLS #104



NEWLY BUILT CUSTOM HOME ON AUSABLE RIVER. Features include: 3 bedrooms including master suite, birch cupboards, Pergo floor in kitchen & hall, appliances, cedar lined closets, decks & wood walkway vinyl siding, bow window, full basement, pole barn w/heated floor. This home is situated on 1.25 acres. A MUST SEE! \$255,900 MLS# 9-4055



CHARMING 2 BEDROOM HOME Amenities include newer roof, siding, furnace and well. Close access to Big Creek. Property adjoins Federal land to the West. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$29,900 MLS# 9-3919



NEWER 3 BEDROOM HOME SITUATED ON 5 ACRES. Features include, vaulted ceilings open floor plan, large basement, family room w/wood stove, huge garage, on a county maintained paved road. \$112,900 MLS# 490



AFFORDABLE MOBILE HOME. Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Built-over mobile home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, attached garage with paved driveway, large mud room & appliances. \$35,000 MLS# 9-2042



GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME. Well cared for 2 bedroom home is situated on 3 large corner lots. Garage, city amenities, never carpeting, linoleum, roof 3 years old and freshly painted. \$47,000 MLS# 9-3123

SALES TEAM



Laurie Jamison
General Manager
Broker



Bonnie S. Odell ABR
Office Manager
Associate Broker



Rhonda Smith
Associate Realtor



Curly LaMotte
Associate Broker



Caron Slane
Associate Realtor



Kevin Jamison ABR
Associate Broker
Valuation Specialist



Kim McClain
Associate Broker



Diann S. Murphy
Associate Realtor



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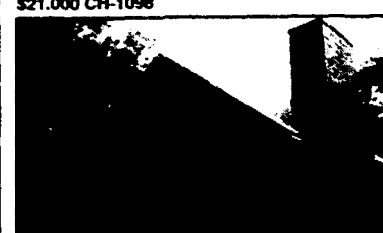
5 ACRES/AUSABLE STATE FOREST ACROSS THE ROAD. Great location for your four-season hideaway. State land across the street, easy access to trails and hunting. AuSable River public access 3/4 mile north. 16x24 garage for boats and snowmobiles. Small guest cabin. Some contents. Land contract possible. \$34,900 CH-1103



NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement. 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. Reduced \$88,500 CS-837



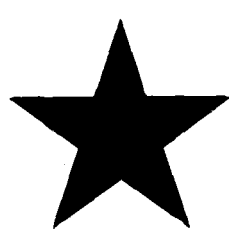
605 DATE STREET. 1973 Arlington 12x60. Metal corrugated roof, replacement vinyl windows, storage building. Property used as rental income. Rental rate of \$350.00 per month, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Assumable land contract. \$21,000 CH-1098



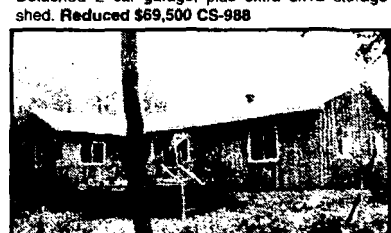
PANORAMIC VIEW OF MANISTEE RIVER WITH 150' OF FRONTAGE. This 3 bedroom home, 2 baths, partial basement, extensive leisure deck, balcony off the master suite and a gazebo for an afternoon in the sunshine all situated on 1.96 acres. Complementing the surroundings is a California driftwood fireplace. Cedar ceilings throughout. Interest in 20 acre park. \$149,000 CS-804



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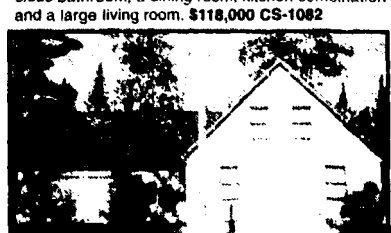
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1. Real Estate



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3. Employment

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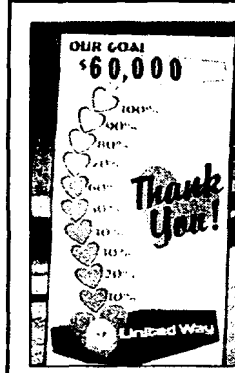
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Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

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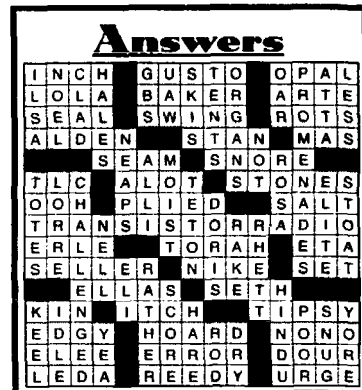
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GHS PLAYERS present "The Uninvited" 3/23, 24, 25, 7 p.m. Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets \$3 students/senior citizens and \$4 adults. (-9-16-23/8)

ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY CLASSES are being offered at G.R.A.C.E. Center. The cost of the class is \$80. If you wish to enroll in one of our classes or for more information, please contact us by calling 517-348-2544. (-9/8)

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11. Automotive



CARS

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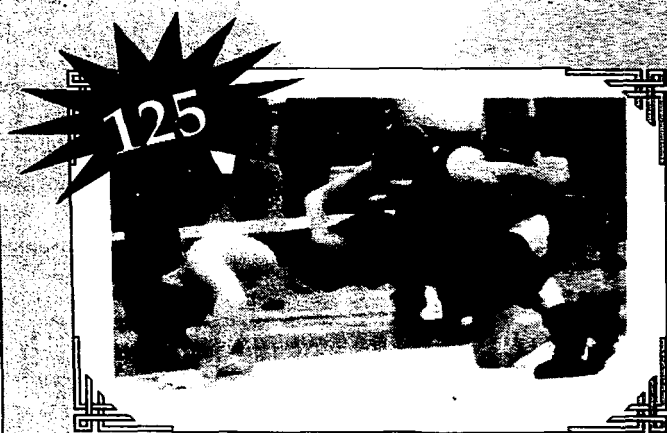
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